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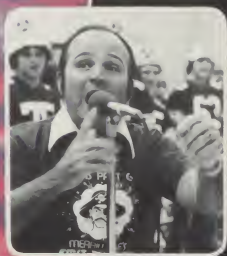
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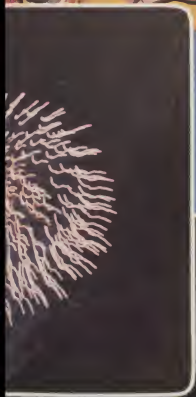








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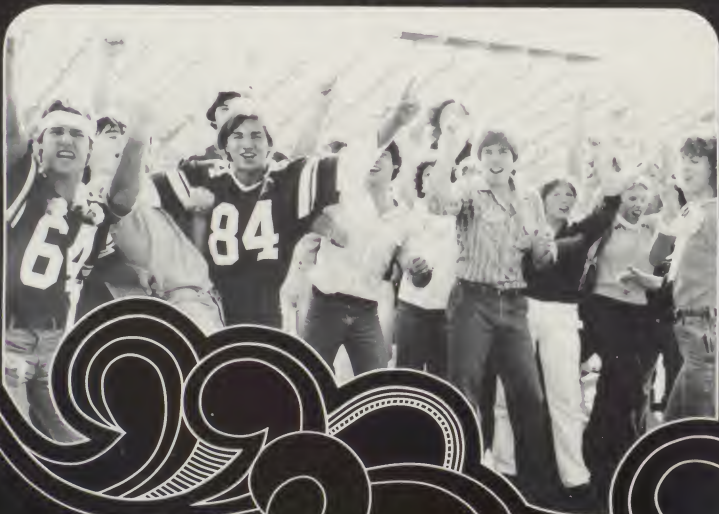
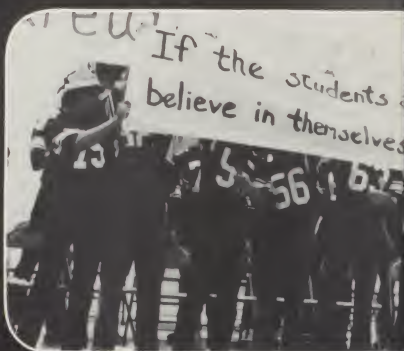


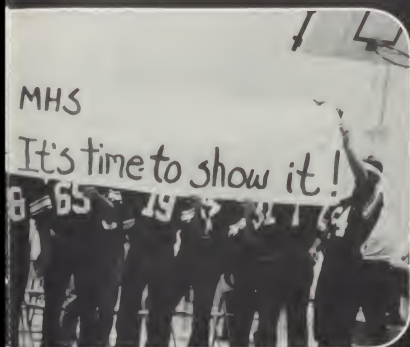


Finding life's beauty,
challenges, intensity,
happiness, humor
and unity.

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Community Discovers Pride

Even sweltering weather couldn't keep the crowds away from the 30th Annual Fourth of July Parade. Businesses and people from all over participated in this year's theme, "Community Pride." Starting at Geisen's Funeral Home at 12:30, the parade continued down Broadway, ending near the Allied Insurance Agency.

Numerous floats and cars made by local businesses, clubs, organizations, and schools were awarded prizes by the Master of Ceremonies, Al Evans.

The Ross Summer Music Theater won the best theme, Merrillville High School won the best marching band, and Pierce Jr. High School had the best cheerleaders.

Once again, the Fourth of July Parade helped the people of Merrillville discover a feeling of togetherness and pride.



Above: The pom pon girls lead the way, keeping time with the band. Below: The flag corps brings up the lead, followed by the cheerleaders.



The clown's float was one that added to the amusement of the parade.

Seniors discover Victory.

Homecoming, what's it all about? At Merrillville, it's a float-building, spirit week, a parade, powder puff football, a bonfire, crowning of the queen, and a dance.

Sophomores found a whole new adventure of building floats, riding on fire trucks, and meeting eye to eye with the Juniors on the football field. The juniors managed to hold their ground by defeating the sophomores in the first game. They also took first place in the class float division.

But, all good things must come to an end, and the Junior's luck ended when they met up with seniors in the championship game. The Class of '81' proved they were number one by defeating the Juniors 14 to 12. They also won the school 'Spirit Stick'.

Immediately following the game, couples gather around the bonfire to snuggle and keep warm. This concluded the activities on Thursday.



The winning Club Float, which was prepared by the Spanish Club, is displayed for judging.

Seniors proved they were number one by winning the powder puff game and walking away with 'spirit week'.

The bonfire added to the festivities on Thursday evening right after the game.



Sophomores discover the real meaning of 'Rowdie' as they participate in their first Merrville Homecoming Parade.

Junior Debbie Dorulla scrambles away as her opponents try to close in.



Seniors listen intently as Coach Woody Melcher gives a quick pep talk before the big game.



Seniors Discover Victory (con't.)

The festivities didn't stop Thursday night. Students continued showing their spirit throughout the next day. Tim Wolf was named Mr. Football at the pep session, and the winners of all the Homecoming activities were announced.

This carried on to the 17-0 victory in the football game against Valparaiso. Half-time entertainment consisted of a performance by the Merrillville Pom Pon squad and the crowning of this year's Home-

coming queen, Senior, Kim Vickroy.

After the game, many students gathered at Shakey's to celebrate.

Finally, the long awaited dance. It was sponsored by Student Congress and entitled, 'Love Is . . .'. Entertainment for the evening was provided by 'Just Before Dark'.

All this fun will be remembered by many for a long time. This was what Homecoming was all about.



Senior Kim Vickroy is congratulated by her father after being crowned queen.

Doug Jatczak escorts his date to the dance.

Senior Greg Kouvelas throws a pass during the Homecoming game against Valpo.





Homecoming Court: Nancy Burkhart, Daphne Duck, Kim Vickroy, Donna Engel, and Lisa Gurgevich.



Denny Bennet and date take time to pose for our photographer.

The proud father of this year's queen watches intently while Mrs. Capuli presents Kim the crown.

The Merrillville Pom Pon squad entertains the student body during the homecoming pep session.



Seniors Open the Door to Spirit

An outbreak of renewed Aspirit marked a new era for Merrillville's pep sessions. With confetti and toilet paper flying, the seniors gave the rally its first spurt of energy. The excitement of the students was overwhelming. Soon the juniors and sophomores added to the enthusiasm, and Merrillville was experiencing, according to many observers, its first real pep session.

The normal activities, such as tricycle races and licorice eating contests took place, and Tim Wolf was honored with the title of Mr. Football.

When the pep session was over and most of the students had left the gym, the seniors, led by Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Guerrero, and Dr. Sector, refused to go back to their classes. After spending several minutes of cheering in the gym, they then proceeded with a snake dance through the halls and ended up in the tennis courts.

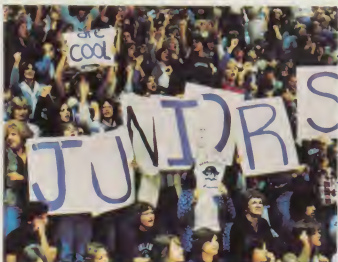
Unfortunately, their fun didn't last long when the police arrived to break up what they thought was a riot. However, the students proved them wrong by peacefully returning to class with no trouble.



Tim Wolf graciously accepts the title of Mr. Football presented to him by Coach Haupt.



Above: Greg Mackey and Mrs. Mandon were the winners of the licorice race.



The juniors caught the spirit soon after the seniors started, and they continued to show it by cheering and holding up class signs.



Mr. Hankins fired up the crowds with his speech on how "you gotta believe".



After the pep session, seniors not yet ready to return to class continued

cheering in the middle of the gym. They then proceeded into the halls

forming a snake dance which ended in the tennis courts.



Above: Jeff Moore and Larry Adams carry on the spirit after the rally.

Below: The crowd is full of spirit during the Homecoming pep session.

Some of Merrillville High School students are found inside the tennis courts during our first pep rally.



Mrs. Czarnecki and Bob Ashley race against the other contestants during the licorice race.



Nancy Christoff and Mary Dudak seem to be enjoying the outcome of the event.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The sellout crowds anxiously awaited the magical performance. His tickets sold for more than any act that had performed at the Holiday Star Theater previously. Not only did he require the tightest security, but also the Holiday Inn was required to rebuild one of their rooms to satisfy the special performer for his four night stay. Just imagine the excitement of the nineteen lucky Merrillville students who were lucky enough to be asked to perform with Barry Manilow on those four special nights in April.

Early in March, Mr. Gerald Reinhart, director of the Vocalteens, received a phone call from New York. It was Barry Manilow's agent asking if the Vocalteens would be interested in performing with Barry when he would be appearing in April. The response from the group was an instantaneous "YES!"

Manilow's agent informed everyone that Barry would usually pick a talented young group of high school students in each city that he performed in to sing with him on stage. The Vocalteens were picked being that they were popular in the area, and they had also performed at many local businesses and gatherings.

Practically no preparation or practice was set up for the group. They each received an autographed copy of the music to be sung, and it was up to Mr. Reinhart to rehearse with them. They had no rehearsals with Barry himself. They sang for his managers once, and that proved enough.

On stage the Vocalteens wore long red choir style robes provided by Barry. They sang back-up for the song "One Voice", and after he finished "A Miracle", they clapped for the "Miracle Bows".

The Vocalteens admitted to being quite nervous at first, being that they hadn't even seen the star before opening

night. Finally, after three successful nights of performances, they were informed that they would have the privilege of meeting Mr. Manilow, after the closing night performance.

After his show was over, everyone quickly rushed backstage with cameras aimed at the entrance. First, his backup singers and manager arrived, and then the star himself. He carried in with him a big bottle of champagne, and was filled with nothing but the highest of praise for the students. He told them that they were one of the most professional groups that he had performed with and gave each member a free "Barry" t-shirt.



Part of Barry's group reacts with surprise as they enter backstage.



Barry Manilow expresses his feelings of pleasure after performing with the Vocalteens closing night.



Barry gladly clowns for the camera.



Barry's name appeared in lights just outside of the theater.

Mr. Barry Manilow . . .



Amy Englebright shows her enthusiasm during the event.



Barry presents a surprised Marji Fabrici with one of his t-shirts.



Barry's back-up singers accept a cookie made for them.



Sharon Bianchi and Karen Chandler pose next to one of Barry's trunks.



Barry Manilow talks with a manager.



Mr. Reinhart grabs a quick bite.



The star says his final farewells as the exciting evening ends.

Sophomores Show Success With "Goodbye, My Fancy"

This year's sophomore play, sponsored by the Thespians, was entitled, "Goodbye, My Fancy." First-time director at our school, Mrs. Martha Otterbacher, did a fine job directing the cast.

The plot began when Agatha Reed, played by Beth Bianco, came back to her former school, Good Hope College, to receive an honorary award. But the big secret was that no one knew she had been expelled for staying out past curfew with her old boyfriend, Matt Cole, played by Brad Touchette.

Agatha goes through many adventures with old friends and lovers. She reunites with her old beau, Dr. James Merrill (Andrew Otterbacher), but in the end she realizes that in fact she loves Matt Cole more than she thought.

The play was held for three consecutive nights in November in Reinhart Auditorium, and thanks to the cast, crews, and director, the sophomores were able to present a very successful play.



Matt Cole (played by Brad Touchette) has made a rude remark to Agatha

Reed (played by Beth Bianco) and Amelia (Debi Parks). Agatha, who is

not in the best of moods, storms away with Amelia following close behind.



Matt Cole has just kissed Grace Woods (Karyn Palvas), and with a

look of astonishment she wonders what is going on.



While everyone is out searching for Agatha, Matt Cole (Brad Touchette)

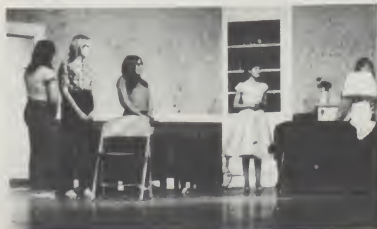
receives a phone call informing him that she is on her way up.



Mrs. Griswold (B. Vander Tuuk) and Mrs. Merrill (N. Swanson) are asking Dr. Merrill (Andrew Otterbacher) why he has handed in his resignation.



The janitors and helpers have just collided, and Mrs. Shackleford (Tina Malch) is screaming, "organizations everyone, Organization!"



Mary Nell (R. Abramson) is telling Agatha she is getting married, while Clarisse (D. Lisek), Amelia (D. Parks), and Jo (M. Houchin) listen in.



A touching moment when Agatha Reed (B. Bianco) tells Dr. Merrill (A. Otterbacher) she has a better offer from Matt Cole (Brad Touchette).

CAST (In order of Appearance)

Ginny Merrill	Nancy Swanson
Amelia	Debi Parks
Clarisse	Dawn Lisek
Mary Nell	Rachel Abramson*
Miss Shackleford	Tina Malch
Custodian	John Harper
Susan	Bob Horan
Grace Woods	Mary Stanton
Agatha Reed	Karyn Palvas
Ellen Griswold	Beth Bianco
Prof. Birdshaw	Beverly VanderTuuk
Carol	Carolyn Price
Jo	Lori Riser
Dr. Pitt	Monica Houchin
Dr. James Merrill	Dan Vujovic
Prof. Dingley	Andrew Otterbacher
Matt Cole	Mark Sosko
Claude Griswold	Brad Touchette
	Bill Koen

SYNOPSIS

The entire action of the play takes place over Commencement weekend sometime in the 1950's, in a dormitory of Good Hope College for Women in Good Hope, Mass.

ACT ONE

Friday morning

ACT TWO

Scene 1: Saturday afternoon.
Scene 2: Saturday evening.

ACT THREE

Sunday afternoon.

TEN MINUTE INTERMISSION BETWEEN ACTS

PRODUCTION STAFF

Stage Manager	Mont Handley*
Business Manager	Mr. Joe Morrow

Concerts Provide an Entertaining Evening

The nineteen-eighty year ended with Merrillville High School providing the students, parents, and community with a winter choir concert. Performing were the Velveteens, Girls Glee, and Choir Concert. Meg Johnson provided the audience with a flute solo. Mr. Gerald Reinhart was director and organizer of this concert.

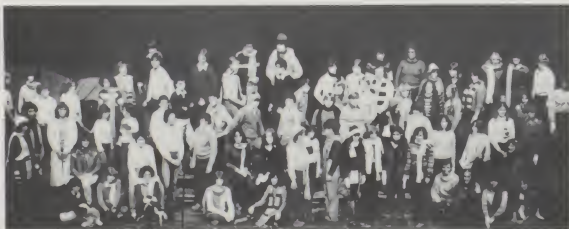
Merrillville High School's Band Department presented a winter concert on February 26, 1981. It was held in the Reinhart Auditorium. Directors were Susan A. Hamer, Gordon Williams, and Darlene Yorke.



Merrillville High School's Velveteen's perform joyfully at the nineteen-eighty Christmas Concert.



Together the concert choir and girls glee, containing sophomores, juniors, and seniors sing at Merrillville's traditional choir concert in the winter.



In the opening number, the concert choir dresses for the winter season after spending some time ice-skating.



Meg Johnson performs a flute solo.



Larry Adams shows his talent with determination at the band concert.



Lori Johnson, while accompanied by Roger Emig, plays a clarinet solo.



The entire concert band plays several selections for the audience.



An aerial view of the concert band while playing for the audience.

Seniors lead the way

SENIOR—older—more advanced—advanced in education—higher in degree and rank—superior in standing—head of a group. The word senior can mean all of these things and more, especially if you're talking about the class of 81!

The seniors this year have not only exemplified all of the above characteristics, but they stand for even more. They are the crazy, loud bunch that gathers every morning in the west wing of the school before classes start. They are the founders of Merrillville High School's new-born spirit; spirit that is said to be, by many teachers, the kind that this school has never seen before. They are the ones who gave Merrillville High School its first set of male cheerleaders. But, most important, they are the graduating class this year that will be going out into the world, taking jobs, going to college, and becoming the foundation for the future.

The seniors this year have

set a classic example in many ways for the underclassmen to follow. They have shown them what it means to have enough spirit and leadership to be able to persuade a whole school to participate along with them. They tried the unusual, and by being different as far as spirit goes and the guys participating in cheerleading, they have set a fine example.

In some ways, this year for them has been their hardest, or perhaps their easiest. They had the option of graduating mid-term or going a half day. Some chose to take their hardest and more advanced classes, while some chose to make this year their easiest by taking less taxing courses. What ever they chose, those who were still here at the end of the year were all looking forward to those two last big days of a group effort. Which days were those you ask? Why, they were Senior Ditch Day and Commencement, of course!



Patty Dudak prays for mercy, while Joe Jenson gets his morning exercise idea of push-ups.



Jennifer Chiabai, Rose Shooter, and Kathy Szmajal share a joke.



The seniors show enormous spirit during the first big pep session.



Denny Bennett, John O'conner, Dave Janizek, John Riddle, John Feczko, and Joe Jenson show their skills as the first male cheerleaders at Merrillville.



Sherrie Minton, Dawn Panning, Kim Akers and Melissa Burelli hang around their lockers each morning before they must go to first hour.



John O'conner looks up while doing his homework by his locker.



New friends Lazo Krstevski and John Feczko smile for the photographer.



The senior powder-puff team shows they know that they represent the number one class of Merrillville during the powder-puff game.

The Final Step For Mid-Term Graduates

Sunday, January 28, 1981, the long awaited day was finally here. The mid-term graduates had waited a long time and come a long way for this special commencement. Mr. Paul D. Schuyler, Master of Ceremonies, and Robert Schrenker presented their diplomas. Seniors showed signs of relief and joy at the thought of finally being finished with twelve long years of schooling, while some planned ahead for future careers by furthering their education.



Dr. Sector leads the graduates down the hall to the auditorium.



Mr. D. Furness walks with the grads.



Before graduation rehearsal, mid-term seniors enjoy themselves at the senior breakfast, which is a tradition each year for Merrillville.



L to R: L. Hardt, J. Hastings, and C. Hines appear to be content.



Rev. Crispell leads Rev. Dick, Mr. Schuyler, and the graduates.

Discovering New Ideas

New ideas and suggestions are always welcomed at Merrillville High School. Activity Period is one of the newest. This idea was thought up by Dr. Sector, our vice-principal. Successful as it was, the students really enjoy it. It is a time for them to relax and forget about their school work for an hour. Each regularly scheduled class is shortened for this period.

Some of the activities offered, for example, are swimming, word games, study hall, and several gym activities. Each teacher participates by instructing a class. The enthusiasm of the students and teachers has been overwhelming.

This has been the second year that Merrillville High has had this special period. It seems that it will become a tradition for the school every year because of the enthusiasm that the student body has had. Their inspiration for school spirit and participation is miraculous.



L. Judge has a look of determination.



Mr. Ebler shows a lot of confidence while playing a quiet game of chess.



Here Debbie Bekelya learns needle hooking in her activity.



Mr. Mulloy shows his ability in the game of password with other students during activity period.



A student is shown how to macrame.

A Christmas Dream

December 13 was a night Merrillville High School students were waiting for. The Turn-About dance occurred on that evening, which made an enjoyable evening for many students. The dance was sponsored by Merrillville High School's FTA members. The theme of the dance was "A Christmas Dream." A dream it was for many while embraced in someone's arms dancing to the music provided by the group Nature's Way. This dance was an opportunity for the girl to ask that "special guy" out for the evening. This tradition has been carried on for many years. After an evening of fun and laughter, all retired to a quiet restaurant to end their night peacefully.



These people are taking a break from the action on the dance floor. They are

enjoying the excitement of the evening.



Sophomore Doug Cochran, junior Linda Fetkavich, sophomore Barb Underwood, and Senior Jeff Moore take time out to pose for the photographer.



The evening's music was provided by the group, "Nature's Way."



Gordon Sunny provides his own entertainment by giving Mike McGhan a dip.

That's Entertainment



J. Brady and B. Reinhart express fear as they sing "Burglars."



Janis Deyot and Debbie Neel sing, together, "We're A Couple Of Swells."



M. Fabrice, K. Chandler, L. Cancchola, and N. Holderman sing "I Feel Pretty."



L. Cancchola, L. Lewandowski, M. Fabrice, and John Brady are singing the song "Intermission" for the Revue Nineteen Eighty-One.



Alan Sierkowski, dressed up as a German Officer, sings "Adel Wisse."

This year's 1981 Revue titled "That's Entertainment" was the big event in the Reinhart Auditorium on April Tenth and Eleventh. The Revue consisted of song and dance numbers performed by Merrillville High School students.

The performers worked hard with determination after being coached by first time directors Trish Hales and Georgia Nichols.

Some of the acts performed were "Burglars" by John Brady and Bryan Reinhart, "Adel Wisse" by Alan Sierkowski, and "I Feel Pretty" sung by Karen Chandler, Nancy Holderman, Laurie Cancchola, and Marjie Fabrice.

Arsenic and Old Lace Brings Comedy and Suspense to Merrillville

Would you believe two sweet old ladies could possibly be murderers? In this year's Jr./Sr. Play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," both Miss Abby and Martha Brewster, portrayed by Karen Mackanos and Diane Solvjanski, were just that.

The plot started out with a quiet living-room scene with Abby and Teddy Brewster (Bryan Reinhart) and Rev. Harper (Mont Handley) having tea. Teddy, who thinks he's Teddy Roosevelt, babbles on about war and the Panama Canal. No one is aware that Aunt Abby has just killed a man with a glass of her and Martha's elderberry wine and hidden him in the window seat.

Later, when their nephew Mortimer (Ric Schuster) discovers the body, they tell him just to forget about it. But Mortimer, half dazed with shock, tells them he must leave but orders them not to let anyone

in.

Minutes later the aunt's other nephew Jonathon (Pete Nommenson), an escapee from an insane asylum in Ind. who hasn't been home for years, complicates matters by walking in with his friend, Dr. Herman Einstein (John Brady), and bringing another dead body in.

In the end when Teddy is committing himself to Happy Dale Sanitarium and the two aunts are trying to convince the chief of police (Alan Sierkowski), the two sweet old aunts were already planning to add one more victim to their list. The next and final unfortunate victim just happened to be the unsuspecting, stuffy superintendent of their new home Happy Dale, (Tracy Otterbacher).

So, the play ended with another memorable moment created by the director Mr. Joseph Morrow, the crew members, and of course the cast.



Bryan Reinhart carefully applies his make-up before the opening night.



Officer Brophy and Lt. Rooney clear up matters at the Brewster's.



Dr. Einstein excitedly tells "Chonny" that he has discovered several bodies in the cellar.



Aunt Abby and Aunt Martha tell Teddy to wait in the basement before he takes the dead body down there.



Front Row—Karen Mackanos, Diane Sovijanski, Ric Schuster, Row 2—Laurie Canchola, Bryan Reinhart, John Brady, Pete Nommenson, Tracy Otterbacher, Dave Gruber, Amy Englebright, Mont Handley, Row 3—Alan Sierkowski, Jeff Schmidt, Jim Hendrickson.



Jonathon prepares to tie up and gag his unsuspecting brother Mortimer.



The Aunts stun Mortimer with the idea of holding their own funerals.



Jeff Schmidt holds very still as an assistant applies his make-up.

"An Evening In Paradise"

"I hope I get asked, 'Did you get asked?' You did. You're so lucky!" "I can't wait." "Have you found a dress yet?" "What color tux do you think he'll order?" "What about the flowers?" "Where do you think you'll go the next day?"

These are just some of the conversations that you might hear buzzing around the hallways the day that prom is first mentioned on the daily announcements. It seems everyone has been planning for this very dance all year.

Each year the Prom, which is sponsored by the junior class and several faculty members, is held in honor of the graduating seniors. This year the theme was "Evening in Paradise." The band that performed was "Joker."

The Prom, which started at 8:00 and ended at 11:00, was held at the tropically decorated Greek Hall. Directly afterwards post-prom, which was also held at the Greek Hall, lasted until 2:00 A.M. Those who chose not to attend this part of Prom ended their evening at different restaurants such as Elmars, Red Lantern Inn, and several others located in Chicago. Most couples chose not to come home before 2:00 A.M., and some even stayed up to watch the sun rise!

And so it ended. Another Prom finished, another year passed, and another senior class gone with memories to last them a life time.

Above Right: Mike Djurich in front of the camera for once, gives a sly grin as he takes off Angie Winter's garter.



John Riddle and his date relax.



Meg Johnson and Fabian Martinez sit out and enjoy the band for awhile.



This year's choices for Prom king and queen, awarded by their classmates, were George Doolin and Lori Saliwonczyk; a perfect royal couple.



Tracy Otterbacher and John Hannah get out on the floor and boogie.



Debbie Bennett, Doug Jatczak, Deena Schreiner, and Dan Maluga all enjoy Takis, Denny Bennett, Trish this special night together.



The popular dance, "the worm", was performed picture perfect by many.



Sharon Bianchi and Paul Smith share a quiet moment alone together.



Seniors Don Snemis and Kim Cooley take a break from the festivities.



Tim Dieffenbach, Marji Fabrici, Brian Reinhart, and Alyssa Pena enjoyed watching everyone, as well as dancing throughout the evening.

A Weekend Of Fun And Romance

Many couples got little or no sleep after a fun-filled evening of dancing and romancing at the Prom. After a few hours of sleep, everyone rose early in the morning to continue on with their weekend. Many couples packed picnic lunches with blankets and went to parks, such as Turkey Run or Starved Rock. Sitting by the lake or running around playing frisbee kept them occupied and happy for the day.

Others went to Chicago and saw the sights or Great America to see the many shows performed and to ride the many rides.

By the end of the day after everyone had used up every ounce of energy that they had left, they headed back home, bringing with them the memories of this fun-filled, romantic weekend.



Joe Jensen and Diane Konrady enjoy the sun and fun-filled day at Starved



Rock the day after prom and post-prom.

Dave Janizek, Kathy Szmaga, and Tammie Yaselsky pose for a picture.



Dave Janizek, Tammie Yaselsky, Tim Lloyd, and Diane Konrady attract the warm sun rays at Starved Rock.



After a weekend of fun, laughter, and romancing, Tim Vislosky and Tammy Yaselsky find time at the end of the night for relaxing.



Tim Vislosky shows a grin of contentment.



Dave Janizek and Sherrie Minton happily show they are having fun by posing for the camera the day after prom.



J. Jensen and T. Miller pose willingly.



Mike McGhan and Laura Wozniak each have their own expression for the camera.



Mary Lynn Tombers squints to see what is going on with the other people.

STUDENTS HONORED AT AWARDS NIGHT

Awards night is held annually in May to honor and recognize those students who have performed and given their extra curricular activities. Individual scholarships, merit and organization awards, as well as perfect attendance and department awards were presented. Honor graduate standings were also announced.

Valedictorians named were Dave Janizek, Linda Johnston, and Maria Kyres. Salutatorians named were Doug Robinson and Paul Smith.

Other awards included:
American Legion Outstanding Senior Award

Mary Kino, John Dimos
L.S. Ayres and Company Art Awards
John Carnielli, Margie Milakovich, Lisa Rusak, Kim Vickroy, Kirk Boone, Elizabeth Christoff, Joel Kiesner, Sharri Masson, Sherri Smoot,

and Flora Waldrop
Ball State University Award
Eugenia Juloski
Bausch and Lomb Science Award

Mark Bublitz
Calumet College Alumni Book
Linda Lesniak
Danforth Foundation Leadership
Eugenia Juloski, Kevin Barclay
D.A.R. "Good Citizenship Award"

Mary Kino
Elks Most Valuable Student
Dave Janizek
Chick Evans Scholarship
Mark Lipton
Foreign Language Summer Honors Program

Glen Harms/
German American National Congress
Doug Robinson, Dave Robinson
Hammond Times Award
"Scholastic Journalist Award"

Missela Burelli
"Hoosier Scholars"—State Commission
Larry Adams, Thomas Allen, Mark Amaya, Teresa Badar, Julie Ban, Doug Best, Lisa Blair, Julie Bowman, Kathy Bowman, Kathryn Bresich, Mark Bublitz, Bruce Bunnell,

Melissa Burelli, Earl Capuli, Rene Charbonneau, Jennifer Cahibai, Nancy Christoff, Sean Clapp, Cynthia Cone, Michael Daniel, John Dimos, Patricia Dudak, Laura Eich, Amy Englebringt, Marjorie Fabrice, Lisa Feneck, Anthony Figueroa, Jill Fryer, Eugene Gawrysiak, Jr., Colette Guip, Kenneth Hancock, David Heiser, Barbara Helwig, Thomas Higgins, Nancy Holderman, Kathleen Huber, Andrea Hudock, Dirk Hutchinson, Jeffrey Irons, David Janizek, Bruce Jones, Eugenia Juloski, Frank Katris, Joel Kiesner

Media Fair Award
Bryan Reinhart, Dave Gruber
Merrillville Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Laura Gill
National Merit Scholarship Corporation
Dave Adams, John Dimos, Patty Dudak, Marjorie Fabrice, Troy Hamilton, Dave Janizek, Mike Malenock
National School Board Assn. Essay Winner "Inauguration: An American Beginning"

Stana Kovac
NASSP—"Century 3 Leader"
Doug Robinson
J.C. Penny National Merit Scholarship

Mike Daniel
Post-Tribune—"Most Valuable Staffer"

Mike Djurich, Jr.
Rotary Exchange Students
Jill Surdzial, Mary Larsen
Rotary Scholarship

Mark Bublitz
Skinner Scholarships
Julie Ban, Mary Kino, Maria Kyres, Mike Malenock, Doug Robinson, Dave Robinson, Donna Engel, Kathleen

Tournai
Suburban Federated Women's Club Award

Amy Englebright
Summer Institutes
Diane Hayes—Indiana State Univ.
Jill Surdzial—Indiana State Univ.
U.S. Air Force Academy
Dirk Hutchinson
USAF ROTC
Mike Malenock
United States Senate Youth Program

John Dimos
"M" Academic Awards

Seniors
Mark Amaya, Julie Ban, Mark Bublitz, Michael Daniel,

John Dimos, Patricia Dudak, Melissa Dzyack, Laura Eich, Nancy Holderman, Kathleen Huber, Dirk Hutchinson, David Janizek, Linda Johnston, Eugenia Juloski, Mary Kino, Gregory Kouvelas, Maria Kyres, Michael Malenock, David Robinson, Douglas Robinson, May Sarantis, Timothy Short, Paul Smith, Kimberly Vickroy

Juniors
Linda Brizendine, Elizabeth Christoff, James Coady, Sharon Daniel, Kim Dunkelberger, Tammy Hampton, Diane Hayes, David Hutchinson, Lori Johnson, Stana Kovac, Linda Lesiak, Diahn Maryonovich, Beth Milter, Lawrence Oliver, Lisa Routsolias, Jill Surdzial, Karen Tonetski, Inga Torp, Guy Tully

Sophomores
Angela Andreatos, Edward Brizendine, Jeffrey Brown, Nicholas Bumbales, Carol Ensaiaco, Adam Fabrice, Deborah Fisk, Jon Giacomini, Margaret Gloriosi, Cindy Hampton, Daniel Johnson, Linda Laudani, Kelly Lepp, Carla Marson, Joseph Michael, Karyn Palvas, Jill Pennock, Lynn Pi-

gott, Jill Povlin, Nancy Rubush, Daniel Vujovic, Karen Wilk

Department Awards
Art
Nancy Barnes, Chris Costakis, Joel Kiesner
English
Dave Janizek, Mary Kino, Tim Short

Foreign Language
Mary Kino, Mike Malenock, Doug Robinson, Dave Robinson

Business
Nancy Fargo, Patty Dudak, Laura Gill, Michelle Glatt, Nancy Holderman, Linda Johnston, Maria Kyres, Rosemarie Shooter

Home Economics
Nancy Fargo, Tammy Jandura, Laura Berndt, Natalie Louie
Industrial Arts
Jim Peschke, Karl Schulz, Jim Hendrickson, Tim Wolf

Math
Paul Smith, Doug Robinson, Mark Bublitz, Dave Janizek
P.E.

Sandy Manis, Adam Fabrice
Journalism

Denny Bennett, Sharon Bianchi, Robert Satnan, Stephanie Ciesielski, Karen Chandler, Debbie Parks, Tim Mathis

Music
Dave Robinson, Doug Robinson, John Dimos
Social Studies
Dave Janizek, Kathy Huber, Biliana Maniviloski
Merrillville High School Spirit Award

Denny Bennett, Sharon Bianchi, Karen Chandler, John Dimos, Ed Dixon, Mike Djurich, Jr., Patty Dudak, John Feczko, David Janizek, Robert Jensen, Jerry Mendoza, Sharon Met-



ros, Peter Nommensen, John Riddle, Kim Vickroy, Greg Wilburn

Students With Perfect Attendance

Seniors—4 years Mark Amaya, John Brady, Thomas Gill, David Heiser, Dirk Hutchinson, Phyllis Victor

3 years Kim Dunkelberger, Paul French, Charles Gans, Roger Gill, Mont Hadley, Greg Kerulis, David LeConte, Jon Tilmon, Karen Tonetski, Linda Trajkovski, Kathy Bresich, Tony Cammarata, Cathleen Crandall, Mary Kino, Paul Smith

University Scholarships

William Lowell Tons Journalism Scholarship

Denzil Bennett

Indiana State Freshman Talent Grant

Sharon Bianchi

Merrillville Rotary Club Scholarship

Mark Bublit

Spanish Club Scholarship

Bruce Bunnell

Valparaiso University Presents Scholarship

Sean Clapp

University of Evansville Academic

Alumni Scholarship

Cindy Cone

J.C. Penny National Merit Scholarship

Mary Kino, Greg Kouvelas, Maria Kyres, Christine Lajos, Lisa Lewan, Mark Lipton, Karen Mackanos, Biliana Maniviloski, Tim Mathis, David Michael, Peter Nommensen, Valerie Oliver, Jeffrey Peters, Greg Pittman, Theodora Ponas, David Robinson, Doug Robinson, May Sarantis, Gwendolyn Scott, Rosemarie Shooter, Timothy Short, Alan Sierkowski, Thomas Siwa, Paul Smith, Donald Snemis, Diane Sovljanski, Andrew Speer, Daniel Stojanovski, Wendy Sum, Gordon Sunny, Elizabeth Tisma, Catherine Tkach, Kim Vickroy, Steven Warren, Nancy Webster, Sherry Whitworth, Catherine Wilk, Angelina Zervos

Hugh O'Brien Outstanding Sophomore

Polly Cimbaljevich

Indiana Society of Professional Engineers

Mike Daniel, Mike Malenock



I.U. Certificate of Excellence In College Preparation Work M.H.S. English Dept.

Indiana University Latino Scholar Award

Anthony Figueroa, Aurora Garza, Conrad Jimine, Cindy Perez

Jill Jaskolka Memorial Scholarship

Mike Malenock

Jets Award

Mark Amaya, Mark Bublit, Mike Daniel, Dirk Hutchinson, Dave Janizek, Daniel Johnson, Mary Kino, Tim Short, Paul Smith

Kiwanis Career Camp

Guy Tully, Denise Szocka

Kiwanis Police Career Camp

Connie Lamb, Bob Geary, Janie Wilkerson

Rose Hulman Institute Honors Scholarship

Mike Daniel

Wabash Presidents Scholarship

John Dimos

Inland Ryerson Scholarship

Hope College Academic Scholarship

Hope College Music Scholarship

Marjorie Fabrici

University of Evansville Academic

Alumni Scholarship

Lisa Feneck

Merrillville Chamber of Commerce

Scholarship

Laura Gill

Spanish Club Scholarship

Indiana State Honors Scholarship

Andrea Hudock

United States Air Force Academy-West Point

Dirk Hutchinson

Elks Scholarship Dave Janizek

Indiana University Distinguished Scholarship

Dave Janizek

Ball State Scholar

Eugenia Juloski

Evans Scholarship

Mark Lipton

United States Air Force ROTC

United States Army ROTC

United States Navy ROTC

Rolla University Metallurgical Scholarship

Jill Jaskolka Memorial Scholarship

Spanish Club Scholarship

Mike Malenock

Ball State Scholar

Don Snemis

University of Evansville Academic



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Alumni Scholarship

Kimberly Vickroy

Upper Ten Percent of 1981 Senior Class

Lawrence Adams, Mark Amaya, Teresa Badar, Julie Ban, Douglas Best, Lisa Blair, Kathryn Bresich, Mark Bublit, Melissa Burelli, Earl Capuli, Rene Charbonneau, Kathryn Christopher, Sean Clapp, Cynthia Cone, Joyce Corey, Michael Daniel, John Dimos, Felicia Dixon, Patricia Dudak, Melissa Dzyacky, Laura Eich, Marjorie Fabrici, David Heiser, Barbara Helwig, Thomas Higgins, Nancy Holderman, Kath-

leen Huber, Andrea Hudock, Dirk Hutchinson, David Janizek, Linda Johnston, Eugenia Juloski, Mary Kino, Gregory Kouvelas, Lazo Krstevski, Maria Kyres, Christine Lajos, Lisa Lewan, Mark Lipton, Karen Mackanos, Michael Malenock, Biliana Maniviloski, Valerie Oliver, Theodora Ponas, David Robinson, Douglas Robinson, May Sarantis, Rosemarie Shooter, Timothy Short, Paul Smith, Donald Snemis, Diane Sovljanski, Andrew Speer, Wendy Sum, Elizabeth Tisma, Catherine Tkach, Karen Warren, Nancy Webster, Sherry Whitworth, Catherine Wilk, Angelina Zervos

Hooray! No More School Food!

It was the last day that the seniors would ever have to eat in the school cafeteria again. To some it brought sighs of relief, (no more school food) and to others it brought a feeling of sadness. Aside from the formal exercises of Baccalaureate and Commencement, this was the last day that they would all be together as a class.

Everyone took last pictures together with all of their friends and handed out last minute invitations to their open houses. Most of them seemed to enjoy their last meal at Merrillville, which consisted of their choice of eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, toast, rolls, or hash-browns. After all, it was all free!

While eating, everyone had fun thumbing through the "Mirror's" last issue dedicated to the seniors entitled "The Senior Mag". It included not only the regularly featured items, but also the class nominations and several articles that reminded everyone of his past successes.

After breakfast was over, everyone proceeded to the gym for the instructions for commencement. The morning was brought to an end when the students were informed that they would be allowed this year for fifteen minutes to ride around the school and express their joy and relief by beeping their horns and shouting to all of the envious underclassmen.



Dirk Hutchison and Andy Manis examine the "Mirror" closely.



Paul Smith and Sharon Bianchi look up at the camera during breakfast.



Nancy Novotny and Judy Grabek display their friendship gladly.



Sabrina Rodriguez and Joe Jensen laugh at the senior magazine.



Several of the guys outdid themselves in their fancy suits.



Neil McNally and several of his friends are "caught" enjoying themselves while eating and reading.



Diane Iannessi and Karen Chandler take a last picture together.



Cindy Cone, Desa Tisma, Karen Mackanos, and Lesa Lewan show expressions of true relief and happiness during their last day of school.



Jeff Moore and Greg Wilburn don't like to be bothered while eating.



Kathy Huber, Andrea Hudok, and Barb Helwig always eat with smiles!

We Finally Made It—Look Out

It all started three years ago when they thought they'd be in high school forever. There wasn't going to be an end to it. Finally on that special day, May 28, 1981, the seniors made it. On that night, the gymnasium was filled with people waiting patiently for the graduates. At 7:00 pm, they walked in to the song "Pomp and Circumstance" as the band played.

The Co-valedictorians Dave Janizek, Linda Johnston, and Maria Kyres each addressed the class and parents, and following them, the co-salutatorians presented their speeches. Also speaking, were class president, Tom Higgins, school board president Mr. Woodward, and superintendent Dr. Shrenker. Reverend Capuli gave the benedictions.

With excitement and enthusiasm, the seniors accepted their diplomas handed to them by Dr. Robert Shrenker.



Denny and Laura try to spell '81.



Sharon Bianchi shows the audience a puzzled look with a little excitement

added, while waiting to receive her diploma from Dr. Robert Shrenker.



Co-valedictorians Maria Kyres, Dave Janizek, and Linda Johnston pose for a picture while waiting anxiously and nervously for the ceremony to start.

World, Here We Come



John Riddle, Rick Rhodes, John O'Conner, and Dave Richards, get together for a picture.



Linda Johnston, Maria Kyres, Doug Robinson, and Paul Smith show a sign of relief and proudness during the recessional after the ceremony.



The graduates leave the gymnasium proudly with their tassels turned, their roses and diplomas in their hands and making sure their hats are on.



Jeff Irons excitedly accepts his diploma with a smile from Dr. Robert Shrenker on graduation night.



L. Schultz tilts her head to keep her hat on.

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HARD WORK and DETERMINATION . . . HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society is a club in which all of the members have a 3.5 grade point average or better. In order to be in the club, the member must show qualities such as character, leadership, school pride, and academic excellence. The Honor Society also held bake sales this year. Each sale took place in the main lobby before and after school. The club managed to earn enough money to pay for a special trip at the end of the year.

In May the club has its annual induction ceremony where all of the new members will be admitted. The sponsor of the club is Diane Mandon.



Sean Clapp lights the "Character" candle at the Honor Society induction.

Andy Speer—President; Sean Clapp—Secretary; Kim Vickroy—Treasurer; Mary Kino—Vice President.



Row 1: Barbara Helwig, Lisa Lewan, Cynthia Cone, Lisa Feneck, Mary Kino, Eugina Juloaki, Row 2: Maria Kyres, Kathy Huber, Teresa Montoro, Jill Fryer, Valerie Oliver, Row 3: Kathy Breach, Laura Eich, Andrea Hudock, Melissa Burelli, Julie Ban, Tom Higgins, Row 4: Kim Vickroy, Karen Mankanos, Joyce Corey, Andy Speer, Sean Clapp, Dirk Hutchinson, Row 5: Larry Adams, Mark Amaya, Mike Melenock, Mark Lipton, Doug Robinson, Row 6: David Robinson, Mike Daniels, Steve Warren, Doug Best, Gordon Sunny, Mark Bublitz, Paul Smith. Not Pictured: Teresa Badar, Lisa Blair, Cathy Cap, Earl Capuli, Rene Charbonneau, Kathy Christopher, John Dimos, Felicia Dixon, Patty Dudak, Melissa Dzyack, Marlie Fabrice, Ken Hancock, David Heiser, Nancy Holderman, David Janizek, Veronica Jankowski, Linda Johnston, Bruce Jones, Frank Katris, Greg Kouvelas, Billiana Manivlovski, Cheryl Pierce, Theodora Poponas, May Sarantis, Rosemarie Shooter, Tim Short, Don Smeias, Diane Sovjanski, Danny Stojanovski, Lisa Tisma, Cathy Tkach, Sherry Whitworth, Angie Zervos, Gwendolyn Scott.



Karen Mackanos taps Jim Coody for next year's Honor Society.

Quill And Scroll Honors Journalists

In March of 1981, ten students were inducted into Quill and Scroll Honor Society for High School Journalists.

To be in Quill and Scroll, you must be in the upper third of your class, be at least a second semester sophomore, and have done superior work on either the yearbook or the newspaper. Mr. Bruce Woods, the adviser of both classes, chose the new members.

In the summer there is a workshop at Ball State University and the Quill and Scroll members planned to raise money to send some of the journalism students there to attend it.



Sharon Bianchi



Karen Chandler



Tim Mathis



Denny Bennett
President



Mike Djurich, Jr.
Vice President



Melissa Burelli
Secretary



Debbie Parks
Treasurer



Stephanie Ciesielski



Bob Satnan



Laura LeMarca



Quill and Scroll Pin.

Student Council Gets Involved

Student Council, now changed to Student Congress in the new constitution, has done a great job this year. There are thirty-one members plus the four officers. These thirty five people and sponsors Mr. Mulloy and Mr. Furushave put a lot of work into this year's congress.

It started off with Homecoming. The whole week of homecoming was based on the theme "Happiness is . . ." Like Happiness is Button Day, Bib Day, etc. Thursday evening started early with the parade. Winning floats were:

Best Overall—Juniors
Best Class—Seniors
Best Club—Spanish Club
Best Car—Nat'l Honor Soc.
Best Theme Display—Juniors
Most Interesting—Spanish
Most School Spirit—Juniors
Following the parade was the Powder-Puff Game. It started with the Sophomores playing the Juniors. The Juniors came through with a 20-6 victory, so on to bigger and better teams. After their victory, they were defeated by the

one and only Senior team, with the score being 14-12. Friday was the game, and halftime turned out great with Kim Vickory being chosen as Merrillville's Homecoming Queen.

The congress' next big project was the masquerade Halloween Dance. Prizes were given for the following:

Most Original
Best Couple
Scariest
Funniest
Boobie Prize

The whole evening was a blast with everyone dancing to the music of the Valley View Sound-system.

Other activities that the Student Congress was involved in were re-writing the constitution, sponsoring other dances and a Christmas day at the Nursing Home.

The Student Congress did a great job. Hopefully the congress next year will have the same kind of year that the 80-81 congress had.



Student Congress Officers: Lisa Lewan—Treasurer, Carrie Grose—Vice President, Karen Chandler—President, Nancy Webster—Secretary



Junior Members: 1st Row—Linda Brizendine, Debbie Neal, Diane Dimitri, Georganna Orlich, 2nd Row—Dawn Darkins, Liz Christoff, Al Canchola, 3rd Row—Randy Ben, Bentley Craig, Xavier Canchola.



Senior Members: 1st Row—Cindy Cone, Carrie Grose, Patty Dudak, Lisa Wood, 2nd Row—Mary Dudak, Rene Charbonneau, Karen Chandler, 3rd Row—Lisa Lewan, Sharon Bianchi, Nancy Webster, 4th Row—John Dimos, Sherri Minton, Sharon Metros. Not Pictured: Tammie Yaselsky, Rick Rhodes.



Sophomore Members: 1st Row—Mike Marino, Rachel Abramson, 2nd Row—Mary Krol, Lynn Pigott, Margaret Glorioso, 3rd Row—Karen Rendina, Polly Cimbaljevich, Sue Foremski. Not Pictured: Toni Marando, Cathy Geske.

Let the Sunshine In . . .

The Sunshine Society consists of girls who wish to spread sunshine to others by being kind, friendly, and helpful.

Being a part of the State organization, the club attends the District V Convention in the fall and the State Convention in the spring.

Activities that the Sunshine Society sponsors during the year are an initiation ceremony, sending cards of cheer, selling candy and many other things.

If you belong to the Sunshine Society, you are eligible to apply for an \$800.00 scholarship in the nursing profession.



Sunshine Members Back Row: Nancy Fargo, Yvonne Garza, Nancy Holderman, Laura Eich, Theresa Badar, Susan Adams, Sponsor—Mrs. Bovard. Front Row: Sharon Helty, Patty Voltry, Cindy Mayor, Lisa Wood.



Officers: Lisa Wood—President, Theresa Badar, Treasurer, Nancy Holderman—Vice-President, Cindy Mayor—Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Fargo—Recording Secretary.

Yvonne Garza finds the joke quite humorous.

Lisa Wood discusses a point at the meeting.



Today, Students; Tomorrow, Teachers

The Future Teachers of America sponsors the Elf Program for the teachers. In this program they choose a teacher and remember him or her on special occasions.

The club also sponsors the Turn-About Dance which was held on December 13. The FTA has a Spring Breakfast for the teachers and other personnel of the school. At this time they present the teachers with a gift, and the surprised teachers discover who the "elf" is that has secretly been giving gifts all year long.



Bottom Row: Ed Calorio, Linda Brizandina, Sue Grant, Sandy Munguia, Second Row: Robbia Goad, Pam Kaiser, Dawn Howa, Jackie Naff, Sandy Grant, Karen Siarkowski, Third Row: Wendy Blankenship, Mary Babbila, Diana Carlson, Amy Englebright, Tracy Otterbacher, Jaff Lipski. People not pictured: Kathy Barratt, Georgaanna Orlich, Sharri Massow, Nancy Marced, Dawn Darksins, Kris Arrandondo, Cacila Acosta, Lisa Gallegos, Carol Ferkull, Sandy Munguia, Diana Dimitri, Dabbia Neal, Susan Xidis, Trish Schaub.



Mrs. Bashora (above) and Mrs. Taater (right) sponsored FTA.



Officers: Ed Calorio, President; Sue Grant, Vice-President; Linda Brizandina, Secretary-Treasurer; Dawn Darksins, Historian.

Bookstore fills last minute needs



Bookstore Workers: Karen Chiado, Dawn Flauding, Karan Leathers, Marty Dzik.



Mr. Choncoff (left) poses during Econ class as the sponsor of the bookstore.



One of the workers in class, Dawn Flauding.

Shall we Speak or Debate?

The Debate team began its season by discussing aspects of a national topic. In September the state chose the exact topic that each debate team was to use. Their job then was to present a plan and defend it during competition.

The Speech team members were able to choose from a variety of topics to speak about. They had the choice of making up their own speeches or entering two events; Extemporaneous or Impromptu. In January the top competitors were invited by the local Calumet League to a regional meet.



(left to right) Greg Cetchur, Sheron Deniel, Alen Sierkowski, Maria Kyres, Den Evens, Mike Bianco.

In F.H.A. this year, they did many things. They built a float for the Homecoming parade, and for a fund raiser they sold Current Stationery. The major fund raising project was baking, decorating, and delivering nearly 400 Valentine cookies to the student body and staff.

During Christmas, they visited Maple Manor Nursing Home and handed out place-mats that the members had made. They also sang Christmas carols. To wind up the school year, they elected new officers and planned a pizza party.

What is happening in Future Homemakers of America?



Sheila Capps admiring the cookie she made for the cookie sale.



Jeanne Bickel shows how to put the cookie together.



(left to right) Row 1: Dede Dickson, Sheila Capps, Connie Veldes, Dene Mollick, Jeanne Bickel, Dane Wengel. Row 2: Mrs. Czernecki, Linde Dolch,

Maria Domanos, Nancy Fargo, Teresa Scott, Natalie Louie, Sharon Wirtes.

Cheerleaders show



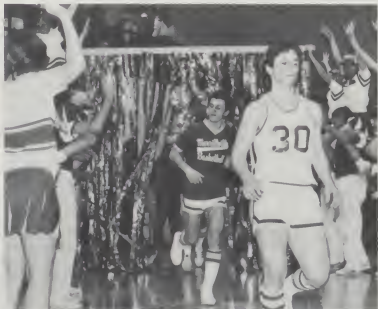
Varsity football cheerleaders: Donna Engel, Kim Vickroy, Jan Gough, Dawn O'Deen, Sharon Metros, Michelle Kostelnik, Lynn Shearin, Lori Saliwonczyk.



Michelle Kostelnik gets ready for a flip.



Varsity cheerleaders do a mount during a time out.



Lazo Krstevski and Mike Souronis are cheered on by the cheerleaders before the game.



Denny Bennett gives Lori Saliwonczyk a better view of the game.



Varsity basketball cheerleaders: Jan Gough, Dawn O'Deen, Kathy Hevezi, Lori Saliwonczyk, Michelle Bonich, Michelle Kostelnik, Sharon Metros, Kim Vickroy.

their spirit.



Junior Varsity football cheerleaders: Cindy Saliek, Kathy Wiggins, Kim Spadoni, Lori Durkin, Trish Shriener, Karen Wampler.



Kathy Hevezi is caught mid-air during the cheerleader's introduction of the five starting basketball players.



Cindy Saliek, Trish Schriener, John Feczko, and Bob Jensen show their spirit during the sectional game.



The guy cheerleaders clown around during the halftime of one of the varsity games.



Junior Varsity basketball cheerleaders: Kim Spadoni, Trish Shriener, Judy Johnson, Kathy Wiggins, Cindy Saliek, Karen Wampler.



Varsity girl & guy basketball cheerleaders: Michelle Bonich, Lori Salawonczyk, John Feako, Dawn O'Deen, Ed Dixon, Jan Gough, Kim Vickroy, Michelle Kostelnik, Bob Jensen, Denny Bennett, Kathy Hevezi, Dave Janizak, Sharon Metros.



Pom Pon's "Jump, Shout, Boogie"



Front Row: Jamie Desatnick, Jennifer Bartolomei, JoAnne George, Lisa Wood, Cindy Cone, Daphne Duck, Mary Dudak, Back Row: Kathy Szmagaj, Beth Winovich, Andrea Berndt, Karen Helen Chandler, Patty Spirovich, Sherri Minton, Tracy Bunlich, Rene Charbonneau, Nancy Grabek, Jennifer Chiabai, Kris Lazarian, Tania Hallam, Kelly Hurlburt, Judy Pluth Not Pictured: Susan Foremski



Senior Members: Left to Right—Lisa Wood, Daphne Duck, Mary Dudak, Kathy Szmagaj, Patty Spirovich, Jennifer Chiabai, Tania Hallam, Kelly Hurlburt, Rene Charbonneau, Karen Chandler, Sherri Minton, Cindy Cone.



Pom Pon Girls do their thing during the pep session for the homecoming game

Captains Kathy Szmagaj and Karen Chandler take time out to have pictures taken.



Pom Pon's line up for a victory at their halftime show.



During the Powder Puff game, the guy cheerleaders take over the Pom

Pon's halftime performance by dancing to the beat!

Flag Corps and Pep-Band help the Spirit live on



Front Row: M. Larson, S. Fryer, M. Glorioso, T. Marando, S. Metton, N. Fargo, L. Oliver, M. Gawrysiak, M. Houchin, 2nd Row: M. Kezy, J. Michaels, V. Morris, D. Lubeke, D. Robinson, A. Serkowski, A. Fabirri, M. Kraft, V. Leonard, B. Rosich, B. Shimley, K. Sullivan, R. Asherman, 3rd Row: J. Spott, B. Touchette, P. Lund, J. Galovic, D. Shatkowski, The Hidden Musician (D. Bolvin), T. Gawrysiak, G. Manis, A. Carol, M. Dawson, L. Lamarca, S. Prince, M. Marmolejo, D. Rogers, Back Row: E. Brizendine, D. Robinson, J. Dimos, K. Dunkleburger



Alan Serkowski shows his talents during one of the games.



Mike Schriener goes all out with his "M" hat.



Flag girls do their last minute thing before the 4th of July Parade starts.



Colleen Blair does her thing during half time.



Flag girls take time out to pose for their picture. Back row: Laura Lamarca, Nancy Fargo, Brenda Kacmar, Debbie Kacmar, Saylor Metton, Mary Gawrysiak, Front Row: Lisa Wood, Linda King, Beth Campbell, Liz Oliver, Laura Wozniak, Colleen Blair.

Science Club Discovers Many Things

This year the Science club members attended the Science Fair Open House at the University of Chicago in October. They also planned a trip to Indianapolis to visit the Art and Children's Museums in January or February. In addition, the Science club members judged the Science fairs at the elementary schools in Merrillville and presented the winners with an award. They also planned to take future trips in the spring to Milwaukee and museums in the Chicago area.

(L-R) Miss Pavel, Carol Ensaleco, Mark Salapski, Terri Tomassi, Toni Tomassi.



Science club goes on a field trip to the University of Chicago.

Science club takes a break to get their picture taken.



Local inhabitant poses for M.H.S.

Terri and Toni Tomassi pause for a picture.



Le Cercle Francais (French Club)



The French Club consists of 80 members. About 30 of them were initiated into the club, most of them being sophomores. The initiation party was held at the Greek Hall on November 4, 1980. The club sold M&M's as a fund raiser. For a Christmas trip the club went to the Magic Pan Creperie at River Oaks. They had a Fondue party in February and a Mardi Gras party in March.

Officers: Mary Kino, Biliana Manivlovski, Melissa Dzyacky, Liz Christoff, Linda Brizendine.

(L-R) Row 1; Linda Brizendine, Liz Christoff, Mary Kino, Biliana Manivlovski, Melissa Dzyacky, Michelle Dzyacky, Caroline Prince. Row 2; Bonnie Baldwin, Karen Mackanos, Sandy Antolick, Leslie Houchin, Monica Houchin, Tammy Jelenek. Row 3; Saylor Metten, Brad Touchette, Georganna Orlich, Renee Franz, Sherri Modrak, Linda Trajkovski. Row 4; Michelle Peters, Laura Rusasan, Maria Commata, Stana Kovak, Jennifer Spiru, Deb-

bie Smith. Row 5; Sharon Brown, Lisa Baisden, Chris Sebben, Mary Stanton, Lisa Routsolias, Ellen Vossos. Row 6; Tammy Wright, Sue Pheanis, Colette Law, Jeff Lipski, Jackie Titak, Karen Waik. Row 7; Jane Oliver, Dawn Plumb, Nancy Rubish, Lynn Piggot, Mary Krol, Angela Andreata. Row 8; Julie Clapp, Tom Higgins, Carrie Gross, John Dimos, Dave Pushka, Rob Parkhurst, Rachel Abramson.



Fourth year French students are hard at work conversing in French.

This year the Spanish club started out their year very successfully. At the beginning of the year the club consisted of approximately sixty members. Now the club consists of approximately eighty members. The Spanish club members got together and built a float for the Homecoming parade.

During the year, the Spanish club had many fund raising activities such as selling M&M's. They also planned on going to the Trade Winds during the winter. Toward the end of the year, all of the Spanish club members went to a Spanish restaurant to eat.

(left to right) Row 1: Lisa Hanisko, Patti Dewar, Kelly Caravana, Debbie Bennett, Sue Korn. Row 2: Lisa Nixon, Jill Fryer, Kerin Teller, Rita Tamayo, Diane Gallagher, Linda Lesniak. Row 3: Sheryl Whitworth, Diane Ianesi, Barb Helwig, Teresa Badar, Lisa Rusak, Kim Lafever. Row 4: Toni Tomassi, Terri Tomassi, Andrea Hudock, Vickie Franko, Fabian Martinez, Sharon Daniel. Row 5: Lisa Ector, Karyn Peters, Paula Brown, Jill Surdzial, Denise Regeski, Conrad Jimenez. Row 6: Jeff Habrych, Al Conchola, Tracy Higgins, Xavier Conchola, Kelly Spot, Leana Shawber. Row 7: Mrs. Jeffries, Mike Malenock, Joe Spot, Earl Capuli, Don Snemis, Bob Jensen.

El Club Español (Spanish Club)



Officers; (left to right) Row 1: Diane Ianesi, Earl Capuli, Barb Helwig. Row 2: Mike Malenock, Don Snemis, Andrea Hudock.

Deutsch Klub (German Club)

This year the German Club was involved in many activities. They constructed an extravagant Homecoming float, sold candy and peanuts, character T-shirts, and also had a car wash. This busy year was highlighted by the club-sponsored parties that occurred during Halloween and Fasching (Mardi Gras). The club ended the school year at a German restaurant. In addition, the club contributed money to the Indiana University Honor's program.



Officers: (left to right) Dave Robinson, Mike Daniel, Donna Pictor, Doug Robinson.



(left to right) Row 1: Carol Ensalaco, Nick Cardenas, Lisa Rusbasan, Dave Degard, Zelko Cavlovic, Mr. Hamilton. Row 2: Monica Sudbrach, Janet Hartwig, Diane Fialkowski, Ed Brizendine, Mark Lipton, Dorene Van Meter, Dan Johnson. Row 3: Jeff Gifford, Donna Pictor, Louie Marosevic, Dave Robinson, Mike Daniel, Doug Robinson, Tony Gawrysiak.

Thespians Keep Busy

This year the Thespians kept busy with many different projects. They have gone to see many programs out of town such as the musical "Evita" in Chicago in January. Over the Easter weekend they will be going to see "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up". In May they had their Annual Awards Banquet at Pheasant Valley.

The Thespians are also responsible for producing all of the school plays. They produced the Sophomore play "Goodbye My Fancy", and also the Junior-Senior Play "Arsenic and Old Lace". Another big production is the Revue in the Spring. They plan on buying something for the auditorium either this year or next with the funds from their shows.



Left to Right: Laurie Canchola, John Brady, Larry Lewandowski, Laura Eich, Bryan T. Reinhart, Tracy Otterbacher, Mr. Morrow, Mary Stanton, Rachel Abramson, Yvonne Garza, Joni Wilkerson, Toni Artz, Jeff Schmidt, Lisa Ector, Janis Wilson, Diane Solvjanski, Sandy Simic, Alan Sierkowski, Dave Gruber, Kim Dunkleburger, Dave Robinson, Mark Lipton, Nancy Holderman, Dorene Van Meter, Amy Englbright, Mont Handy, Paul Smith, Doug Robinson, Ric Schuster.



Alan Sierkowski, "Ric, you can't be serious!"

Top to Bottom: Amy Englbright, Alan Sierkowski, Nancy Holderman, Kim Dunkleburger, Diane Solvjanski, John Brady, Sandy Simic, Mary Stanton.



Choral Department provides Entertainment



Girls' Glee: Top to Bottom left: Dorene Van Meter, Sue Foremski, Dawn Flauding, Donna Badar, Lori Webb, Beverly VanderTuuk, Dawn Newlin, Cathy Seber, Gail Frantal, Karen Huber, Marie Damaskos, Cathy Geske, Mary Ellen Doty, Cecila Acosta, Tammy Jelineck, Angela Andreodas, Dora Martinez, Rachel Abramson, Debbie Chidester, Connie Evans, Top to Bottom right: Tina Koenig, Pam Wilogorski, Chris Toby, Brenda Boyd, Mary Krol, Maria Cammerada, Carolyn Price, Debbie Parks, Sandy Grant, Barb Musselmen, Sandy Metros, Loretta Harris, Karen Sierkowski, Patty Dewar, Dawn Lisik.



Miss Vickie Carson directs Girls' Glee in some of their songs for the Spring Concert. Miss Carson is a Senior at Valparaiso University doing her Student Teaching here at MHS. Her majors are in Music and French.



Brenda Boyd, Sandy Metros, Lori Webb, Debbie Chidester, Connie Evans, Donna Badar, and Cathy Seber

stop to pose before their next G.G. number.



John Dimos was very helpful to the choir dept. this year by playing the drums at concerts and traveling with the VT's to their engagements.

Chorus, Vocalteens and Velveteens



Vocalteens: Jeff Schmidt, Kevin Barclay, Karen Chandler, Julie Ban—Pianist, Mike Meienock, Jim Hendrickson, Nancy Holderman, Amy Englebright, Ric Schuster, Tania Hallam, Mont Handy, Dave Gruber, Tracy Otterbacher, Marjie Fabrici, Sharon Bianchi, Jenny Toby, John Brady, Laurie Canchola, Larry Lewandowski, Brian Reinhart, Dawn Loda.



Ric Schuster and partner Amy Englebright get crazy during rehearsal.



Kris Lazarian shows us her techniques in singing.



Velveteens: Janis Deyot, Laura Eich, Diane Sovjanski, Kris Lazarian, Zorine Simic, Tracy Kansfield, Yvonne Garza, Janet Hartwig, Sandy Simic, Sue Grant, Lisa Wood, Debbie Neal, Georgeanna Orlich, Toni Artz, Alyssa Pena.



Tracy Kansfield gets into the music.



Tania Hallam and Nancy Holderman are caught in the dressing room between songs.

Make Beautiful Music

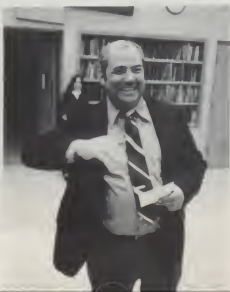


MERRILLVILLE CONCERT CHOIR

Dawn Sherrick sings her part during choir practice.



Senior choir members practice for the concert.



Mr. Reinhardt directs the choir.

The Merrillville High School Band closed another successful year with their final concert given at Commencement. This was the second year that Ms. Hamer directed the band, emphasizing the symphonic qualities of music. In her effort to make the band a more cultural influence in the community, she has brought the band to a higher caliber in technique and performance. Several members of the band received top honors at the local and state solo and ensemble contest. In addition, the performance of a guest conductor from I.U. and the successful completion of several fund-raising activities were arranged by Ms. Hamer. The band officers were Tony Gawrysiak, President; Alan Sierkowski, Vice-President; Margaret Glorioso, Treasurer; and Jill Surdzial, Secretary.

Band Has Another Successful Year



Miss Hamer directs the band in an overall fine performance.



Photographer Mike Djurich uniquely catches the band at their best during the concert.



French Horns, Baritone: Bk. Row: R. Aeshliman, D. Rodgers, L. Lamarca, M. Marolejo, F. Acosta, Ft. Row: J. Surdzial, N. Fargo, R. Adams, F. Martinez, S. Cerniak, E. Brizendine



Oboes, Flutes: Bk. Row: R. Hopper, L. Wozniak, B. Kacmar, R. Wagner, M. Houchin, J. Swike, L. Carnegie, Ft. Row: S. Leone, L. Jolesky, C. Nipper, C. Mayor, L. Oliver, M. Gawrysiak, M. Johnson, L. Houchin



Symbols, Drums, Saxes: Bk. Row: K. Harmon, K. Dunkleburger, D. Robinson, L. Adams, J. Dimos, Ft. Row: T. Nipper, K. Spott, N. Novotny, S. Balluch, D. Luebecke, M. Reilly



Tubas, Saxes, Bassoon: Bk. Row: D. Johnson, B. Shimley, T. Gawrysiak, A. Caroli, M. Dawson, G. Manis, Ft. Row: B. Campbell, K. Wining, M. Kezy, J. Michaels, W. Morris, C. Blair



Trombones, Trumpets: Bk. Row: B. Touchette, T. Cammarata, A. Fabrici, Middle Row: S. Edwards, J. Galovic, M. Schreiner, D. Bolvin, D. Shatkowski, D. Barnes, Ft. Row: J. Guerrero, V. Leonard, K. Sullivan, A. Sierkowski, D. Robinson, D. Zabrdac, M. Kraft, B. Rasich



Clarinets: Bk. Row: S. Stanton, S. Mitton, D. St. Martin, L. Wood, M. Larson, P. McNary, B. Barkasi, J. Bowman, D. Kacmar, M. Arrendo, K. Sabo, B. Bostos, Ft. Row: J. Clapp, M. Gloriosio, L. Johnson, T. Marando, J. Fryer, T. Shriver, D. Hayes, L. Kubiak



The Band marches off the field after a successful halftime performance.



The Four Musketters J. Spott, A. Fabrici, B. Rosich, A. Sierkowski



Orchestra: Bk. Row: G. Ordway, J. Biers, S. Elliot, F. Rondinelli, S. Kaschik, Ft. Row: D. Fife, C. Hodge, L. Eich, J. Neff, K. Wardell, R. Perry.

Writing copy, laying out pictures, and meeting deadlines. It's all part of producing a yearbook. The 1981 Merrillvue staff worked continuously to preserve the memories of the past year. Long hours of searching for the right picture and the right caption to go with the "right" picture were all part of the job. Advisor, Mr. Bruce Woods, and Editor, Melissa Burelli, worked with the inexperienced staff in an effort to produce a memorable book.

Laying out pages is not the only job of a staffer. Producing a yearbook also includes selling advertisement and promoting and selling the finished product. And, that's the most important thing to the staff; the finished product.



Yearbook Staff hard at work

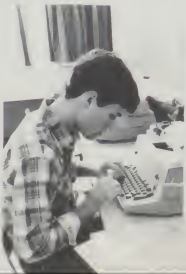


The 1981 yearbook staff.

Toni Miller and Diane Konrady discuss a layout for their section.

Tim Mathis works hard to finish his type sheet for a deadline.

Editor, Melissa Burelli instructs Diane Konrady on her type sheet.





Joe Jensen selects the best picture for his page.

Clubs editor, Karen Chandler, puts the finishing touches on her page.



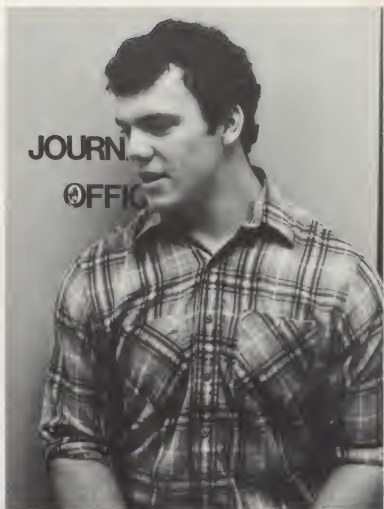
Advisor, Mr. Woods, and Editor, Melissa Burelli, put the final instructions on a shipment to the publishing company.

Merrillvue staff members look over pictures that just arrived from the photographer.

Student Life editor, Jackie Abramson, creates a design for the graduation spread.



Denny Bennett relaxes after finishing the final product of the newspaper.



Paul Krausnick types frantically to meet the deadline.



Joe Pawlak poses for a picture.

Student newspaper features new look



This year the newspaper staff did a great job on producing the 1981 newspaper. The past summer, Senior Denny Bennett, Mirror Editor, won a second place in the editorial writing competition at the workshop in Ball State. Also Senior photographer Mike Djurich won an award in the advanced photography division. This year all 1800 students received copies of the 18 issues. They also exchanged newspapers with 30 different schools. They hoped to distribute the paper to the community. Since last year the format has changed. Now they are using a magazine style lay-out. The paper consisted of a double-folded tabloid with nine pages. The instructor of the staff is Mr. Bruce Woods.

Front: Laura LaMarca, Cindy Hill, Kim Lafever, Teresa Malich, Debbie Parks, Stephanie Ciasielski, Mike Djurich. Back: Bob Laughad, Jeff Swika, Paul Krausnick, Bob Satnan, Denny Bannatt, Guy Tully, Frank Katris.



Denny Bennett and Stephanie Ciasielski discuss how the layout should be.

Dabby Parks stops typing to glance at the camera.

How do you spell relief? R-O-W-D-I-E

This year's pep club has really done a great job on getting the spirit going throughout the school. They have accomplished this during the games, pep sessions and by using those PPT's (purple power towels).

Mrs. Teeter, this year's sponsor, started the club at the beginning of the year and has had over 100 kids sign up to back the club.

The senior class has to be the rowdiest ever. During the first pep sessions, the seniors got carried away with signs, pirate hats, noise makers, and lastly the dreaded confetti. After a while, the sophomore and junior classes tried to out do the seniors, but it will never be done.



Rowdie Pep Club members show what it takes to be number 1!



Mrs. Teeter receives a makeover from professional makeup artist, Mike Evanyo.



The pep club splits down the middle to do the Merrillville Pirate cheer.



JOIN IN! Dave Janizek leads the line around the gym while the band plays the "Bunnie Hop".



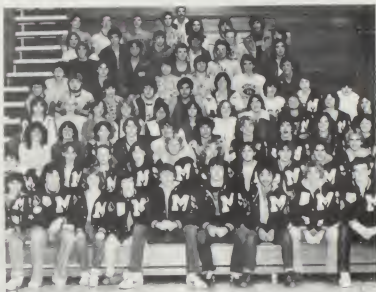
Seniors Janet Laganek and Marcie Peffley get carried away at a home game.

Give me an "M"!

Athletics is a very big part of Merrillville High School, and many students here achieve their goals of success in sports. Along with success comes another honor; the "M" award. The letter "M" was prevalent to athletes striving to obtain it and the lettermen's jacket that goes along with it. The way athletes earned that special letter was by participating in any amount of Merrillville's wide variety of sports. Once a student has earned it, he feels honored and proud to

wear his jacket and represent Merrillville High School.

This year, an old club was re-introduced to Merrillville High School. Headed by basketball coach Jim East, the "M" club got under way this year by first holding an initiation party. After that, some activities the "M" club held were the Monday Night recreation. They also held a volleyball tournament and went bowling. The "M" club offers athletes a place to have fun and just relax.



Members: Bottom row: Kathy Wiggins, Don Snemis, Kim Cooley, Tom Allen, Greg Wilburn, Jeff Moore, Earl Capuli, Dave Puahke, Dirk Hutchison. 2nd row: Dawn O'Deen, Sherri Modreck, Carrie Grose, Tammy Gaminhart, Stan Capuli, Karen Lesniak, Lisa Rusak, Jeff Lax, Rodney Williams, Eric Dornburg. 3rd row: Rene Charbonneau, Tom Miller, Kelly Hurburt, Rick Rhodes, Mike McGhan, Jim Graham, Linda Lesniak, Jeff Peters, Kelly McLaughlin, Karen Harriman, Tammy Argeropolos, Chris Lalios, Missy Sadowaki, Mary Dimond, Chris Dewell, Vicky Vergin, Sherrie Vermillion. 5th row: Mike Souronis, Gordon Sunny, Ken Petroff, John Koatides, X Canchola, Scott Plesha, Tracy Burditt, Linda Shultz, Jan Gough. 6th row: Guy Tully, Mark Rolozenski, Bob Oroz, Tim Wolf, Brad Moore, Dave Woodward. 7th row: Greg Kouvelas, Dave Kunovski, Lazo Kreteveski, Jeff Hacker, Bob Beck. 8th row: Mike Anderson, Dave Janizek, Bruce Jones, Tim Short, Dan Vidimos, Mike Janovic. 9th row: Larry Judge, Chuck Gans, John Tilton, Tony Figueiro, Patty Dudak, Andy Manis, John Truchan. Top row: Coach East.



Officers—Gordon Sunny, Tom Allen, Tina Lalios, and Scott Plesha.

Brad Moore and Dave Woodward seem to be enjoying the initiation for the club.

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DISCOVERIES IN ENGLISH

The English Department offers a wide range of courses. Besides the basic composition and literature classes, the English Department offers a variety of nine week courses. Among courses offered are Perspective on Death, Great Detective Stories, Medical Terminology, and Kiddie Literature. This year the English Department was awarded the I.U. Certificate of Excellence in College Preparation work. This award acknowledges the fact that Merrillville High School graduates attending I.U. have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in the freshmen English course. Also offered to any college-bound senior is an English Composition course. This course is called "English W131." Seniors receive college credit hours, if they receive a "C" on an exit exam, as this is a required freshman college course.

Denny Bennett and Rick Gutcher work vigorously to accomplish the final touch ups on their term papers.



Mrs. Koby's English class takes a break to pose for this picture.

M.H.S. photographer snaps a photo of students working in first hour English.



Mathematics, a science that deals with numbers.



Mathematics has to do with the process of drawing logical conclusions from known facts. Thus, it is a way of thinking for the scientist who is trying to find out more about the universe. Without mathematics, there could be no other science. The Math Department offers a variety of courses ranging from general math to Geometry. Also, college-bound courses such as Algebra, Calculus, Trig, and Analyt. are included.

Mr. Brown tries to explain how a problem is to be worked out.

Math students smile for the M.H.S. photographer.



Greg Catchur tries to convince Jodi Keen to give him the right answer.

Mr. Hutchison reviews his notes before giving his lecture.



Science is the Future

The Science department offers a variety of courses this year, ranging from Earth Science, in which the class studies the environment, history, and the materials that make up the earth, to Physics, which explains time, space, and matter and about their properties. Plus, other courses are offered such as Chemistry and Biology. All of these classes help to prepare a student for a career in Science.

Mr. Vermillion instructs his first hour class.

Mr. Banas takes a swing in his first hour class.



Mr. Yovanovich explains a problem to his chemistry class.

Jeff Kaisner takes notes during chemistry.

Junior Jeff Lax relaxes in his chemistry class.

They Really Mean "Business"



Accounting students work eagerly on their assignments.

Student eagerly works on her typing assignment.

During the past year, the business world grew and with it grew the need for qualified people for these areas. The Business Dept. at Merrillville tries its best to keep up to date with all of the new methods in the growing business world. The Business Department offers courses ranging from General Business, which develops an all-around business knowledge, to Accounting and Record Keeping, which teaches methods and terms in the keeping of statistical records. Other courses that are sure to help the job seekers are Business Math, Shorthand, Typing, Office Machines, Sales, and Business Communications.



Typing students find their assignment interesting.

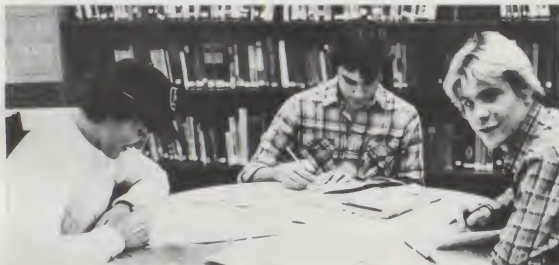
Business courses offer hands on training.

Discover The Library



Jody Jillson getting instructions from Miss Burris the librarian

The library can be discovered as a number of places. The library can be discovered as a place to read, a place to study, and also, a nice quiet place to sleep. It's a place to be helpful with student's school work. The library supplies a lot of information for term papers. It has a wide range of books to choose from. The library has non-fiction, and fiction plus many other materials to choose from.



Students getting involved in their school work and having a good time



Working hard and cramming for the work that was due "last" week

Mrs. Neville handing Cassie Sperber some instructions



Adventure In A.V.

The A.V. is a place of adventure. It has many filmstrips, movies, video tapes, and slides to help the students adventure and learn. The A.V. Department has always con-

tributed, in some way, for the students of M.H.S. It has helped them research for term papers and homework that needs investigation.



Bud Widup illustrates the use of the video machine



Bud Widup experimenting with the A.V. cameras



Left, Chris Cook displays how to threat a projector

Many students at M.H.S. learn from video tapes



Foreign Language Puts Things In Focus

The foreign language department at Merrillville offers three different language courses this year. They are Spanish, German, and French. All three emphasize speaking and listening skills for the first year. During the second year, more speaking and vocabulary skills are emphasized, along with more comprehensive lab work. Third year students use Pathescope Berlitz filmstrips and records. Fourth year language students learn the history of the country that they are studying plus reading and writing skills are increased.



This Spanish class learns a new language with help from the lab.

German class smiles for M.H.S. photographer.



Spanish class finds their assignment interesting.

Spanish student shows off her class project.



Spanish students really get into their work.

History Tells Us Of Our Past



Mr. Hankins explains the election to his first hour class.

Juniors concentrate on their American History class.



Students listen intently in Mr. Mulloy's Government class.

Mr. Mulloy reads over the newest issue of Newsweek.



A variety of courses are offered this year for the History Department. For sophomores we offer Ancient World History and Indiana History. For the junior class we have a two semester course of American History. And for the seniors we have the ever so popular Government and Economics classes. Also, various other elective history classes such as Psychology, Modern World History, Anthropology, Sociology, History of Wars, Westward Expansion and many others are offered.

Industrial arts shows us how it is done

The Industrial Arts Department at Merrillville offers a variety of courses this year, ranging from Wood Shop all the way to Material Technology and Dimensional Metrology. Our Industrial Arts department provides students with the opportunity to develop manual skills and learn to operate various kinds of equipment.



Phil Mesarch uses the grinding wheel in Metal Shop.

Bob Hunt works on his project in Wood Shop.

Using the machines is part of shop.



Students work on projects in Wood Shop.

Phil Mesarch checks Jim Bencie's project to see if it is correct.



Gym classes keep us physically fit.



Physical fitness, better known as "GYM", is required for the Sophomore students. Cheering voices, slamming lockers, and tired faces can be seen everywhere. The Physical Ed. Dept. has a range of different sport areas like volleyball, swimming and tennis. Also, elective courses for those Juniors and Seniors who still have an interest in physical fitness are available.

The girls practice and get serious about the activities.



Sheri Vermillion concentrates on playing basketball in gym class.

The "Macho Men" show off their muscles.



The sophomore guys lay around waiting for gym class to start.



Home Ec. Students "Show Off" Their Talents.

Year after year fewer students go to college or into a career after high school. More graduates are staying home and rearing families. The Home Economics Department provides students with basic knowledge on how to run a home, manage a family, and care for children. Classes such as Child Development help the students to understand and deal with rearing children properly. After the first half of the course, students are allowed to bring in

children (brothers and sisters or perhaps neighbors) and work with them.

Other valuable classes include cooking, sewing, and Modern Living. While the first two teach basic and advanced sewing and cooking skills, the latter prepares students, both male and female, for their personal lives and ends up with a mock wedding. Each student plans his or her wedding from the choosing of invitations to renting a hall.



Senior Lisa Lucas reads to the Child Development class.

This little boy wonders what he is doing here.



A student from cooking gets her cake out before it burns.

Sheila Capps shows how to decorate a cake.



Building Trades Provides Valuable Skills



Tom Meschede sets a nail in the bus barn office.

The Building Trades class is now into its third successful year, and it is working harder than ever. There was no house built this year, but the Building Trades class took it all in stride by working on jobs around the School, in the bus barn, and in the Administration

office.

The Building Trades class is a one year, six credit course, which consists of a morning class and an afternoon class. The class offers a change of pace and the benefit of valuable skills.



Students unload the bus so that they can start to work.



Richard Yester and Ron Segraves unload the building supplies.



Helping hands are all you find in the building trades class.

Art Department

The Art Department gives the student body an opportunity to work with their hands and to take a break from the usual school routine. All Art projects require knowledge of principles in design and composition, which is taught in Basic Art 1 and 2. After the student completes Basic Art, he can go on to one of the many other art classes such as Painting, Ceramics, Sculpture, Drawing, and Commerical Art 1 and 2, and various other art classes to choose from.

Linda Zorich and Pam Wielagorski work on their projects for ceramics class.



Art students Kevin McDonald and Jo Johnson work on posters.

Art students show that there is more to art than drawing.

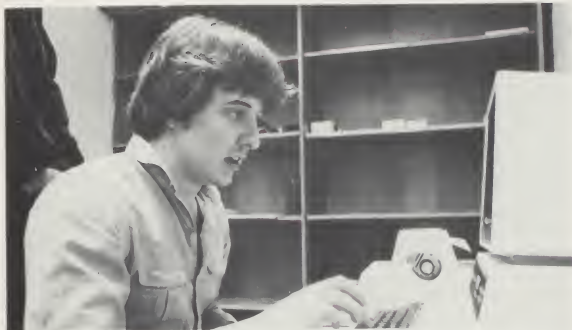


Tony Trpkovski gives John Harper advice on how to do his project.

Paula Braun helps Patty Dolch with her project.



Computer Programming



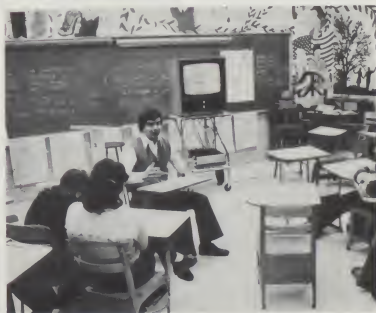
Students at M.H.S. can now look forward to preparing for college life in general in a more complete way. This class offers the students the chance to get acquainted with the computer and to learn the most commonly used language. After learning the language, the student is allowed to apply it in developing projects. Projects include business application, development of games, and math and science analysis. Many students are now taking advantage of this course in preparing for the future. Computers are here—and they are here to stay.

Students work with the PET 2001 computer.

Quest: New at M.H.S.



Quest, a new course offered at M.H.S. this past school year, is an excellent course. This class, taught by Mr. Kasarda, deals with learning to relate with others, strengthening personal characteristics, and developing attitudes. This class is open to all grades.



Mr. Kasarda working out problems with his class.

Mr. Kasarda explaining things to his class.

Band Performances Brighten Up The Year

The MHS band performs three major concerts per year which include the Christmas Concert, the Winter Concert, and the Pre-Contest Concert. During the contest, which is held in April, the band competes with other area bands.

The band also competes in the Ensemble and Solo contests, the All-State Band Contest, and various other community programs and concerts.

Other sections included in the school band are the Pep Band, the Jazz Band, the Flag Corps, and the Pom Pon squad.

The MHS band also hosts the State Junior High Band/Choir and Orchestra Concert which is held every March.



First row: Linda Johnson, Margret Glorioso, Jill Fryer, Debbie Kacmar, Julie Clapp.



Meg Johnson performs for her seat.



Cindy Mayer, Lisa Carnegie, Patty Rimer, Lori Jelesky and Mary Gawrysiak, concentrate on daily practices.



The woodwind section takes a break as the brass starts to perform.



Clarinet play as flutes wait to be cued on when to start to play

Choral groups Vocalize

This year's choral department had a great year. It started with the Christmas Concerts in December. Some of the selections included "Silver Bells," "Money", and "A Christmas Carol.

Next came the NISBOVA Contest where they placed very high among other schools. Then off to ISBOVA where they also received many first and second places! In March there was the Choral Fest, where students from six different schools get together and are directed by a guest conductor in a mass choir. Later that evening they give a concert for the community, parents, and friends. The best was yet to come with the Spring Concert. Selections for the concert were "America the Beautiful", a medley from "Chorus Line", and more.

The Vocalteens and Velve-teens also kept busy throughout the year. They had two engagements each month and sometimes two a week. The Vocalteens also had the privilege of singing with Barry Manilow while performing at the Holiday Star Theater. They backed him up for two of his songs, "One Voice" and "I Write the Songs." They performed at all of his shows.



Larry Lewandowski, Lori Conchola, Kevin Barclay, and Karen Chandler practice their dance steps for perfection.



Laura Eich is the accompanist for concert choir this year.



Mr. Reinhart goes over the music with Miss V. Carson, student teacher for choir this year.

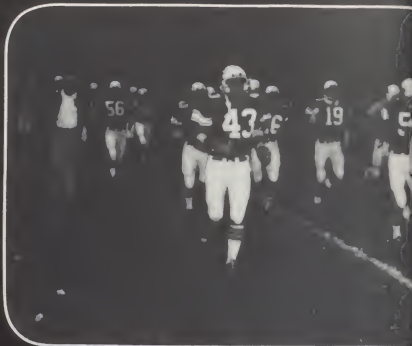


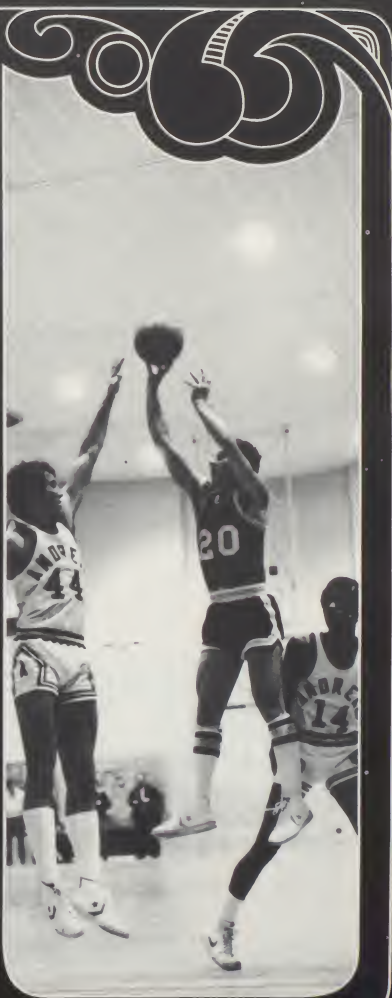
Concert choir goes through daily warmups.



Vocalteens John Brady, Jim Hendrickson, and Tracy Otterbacher prepare for their performance.

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led by co-captains Andy LManis and Jeff Hacker, the varsity football team carried on its tradition of a successful season. The Pirates were small in stature but tall in determination. This determination brought the gridders to an 8-2 overall season and a 4-2 Duneland Conference record.

Merrillville not only showed their customary tough defense but also an impressive offense as well.

The Pirates offense scored big against Lew Wallace for the opening game. The final score was 39-18. Next, they hosted out of state Toledo Rogers from Ohio. Rogers went home with a 21-7 defeat under their belts. Formally undefeated Munster felt a 9-0 loss, too. Next the Pirates traveled to Chesterton to win narrowly over the Trojans by a mere four points. The winning tide could not roll on forever as the Pirates learned. The Pirates arrived at Portage, who was fifth in state ratings at that time. Merrillville was then sixth. This was to be one of the biggest games of the year, but the Indians gave the Pirates their first loss. The final outcome—10-7. Merrillville then dropped to eleventh in the polls. The Bucs were handed their second and final

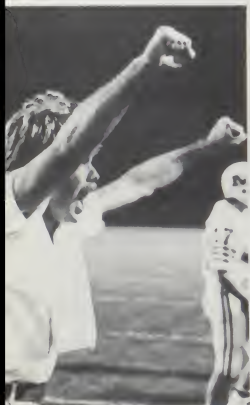
loss of the season the following week by Hobart. The Brickies proved why they eventually became state contenders for the second year in a row. The determined Pirates would not let Michigan City Rogers spoil their plans of getting back on the track of the winning scene. The Pirates succeeded and won 38-7. Merrillville handled "big" Valpo by shutting out the Vikings once again. The score was 17-0. The traditional "Battle of Broadway" turned out to be the usual romp. The Pirates annihilated the fighting 59er's, 20-6. As Jeff Hacker said the week before at a pep rally, "We feel mean and rowdy!" The results proved true. Merrillville traveled to LaPorte to end the season on a winning note with a 21-10 victory over the Slicers.

The offense, guided by Greg Kouvelas and Greg Mackey, UPI All-State, and John O'Connor, could not have brought the Pirates any victories without outstanding linemen Tim Wolf and Tim Vislosky who both started on defense and offense as well. Defense held tough this year with exceptional performances by Jon Giacomini and Bruce Jones. Jones had the team record in quarterback sacks with seven.

Pirates Reap The Rewards



Coach Haupt gives instructions to Junior Mike Anderson during a time out.



Left: Coach John Tilman expresses his enthusiasm as the "Pirate Machine" grinds out another touchdown.

Above: Tim Patz sprints for the first down marker.



Quarterback Greg Kouvelas looks into the secondary for an open receiver.



An intense moment on the sidelines captures the excitement of the game, as shown on the faces of Tim Patz, Mike Anderson, Jim Graham, Mike Tisma, and Bob Orosz.



This year's recipient of the Mr. Football award was senior Tim Wolf.



Above: Jeff Hacker strives for extra yards while fighting off a Chesterion tackler. Left: Dave Woodward expresses his enthusiasm after scoring a TD.



Front row l-r: Phil Maicher, John O'Connor, Greg Mackay, Jeff Hacker, Andy Mania, Tim Wolf, Joe Pawlak, Tim Vislosky, Jeff Moore. Second row: Gordon Sunny, Tim Patz, Denny Bennett, Greg Kouvalas, Jamie Mack, Scott Bruce, Bruce Jonas, Larry Adams, Ed Dixon. Third row: Jeff Jamroz, Mika Anderson, Dirk Hutchison, Dava Kunovski, Bob Orosz, Jon Truchan, Doug Jatczak, Dave Richards, Greg Wilburn. Fourth row: Larry Judga, Bantley Craig, Greg Karulis, Peta Martinez, Georgia Doolin, Mika Tiana, Jim Kuzamka, Mika Walker, Phil Lafoona. Fifth row: Scott Hipp, Dave Knop, Scott Plasha, Brian Stevens, Ken Petroff, Mike Dumovich, Joe Luckiewicz, Jim Graham, Brian Harding. Sixth row: John Kostides, Jarry Paarman, Nick Bravos, Doug Cochran, John Ogiago, Slava Hipp, Dava Woodward, Mike Evanyo. Seventh row: Casey Carrabine, Nick Petrovsky, Al Canchola, Scott Mundell, Tom Allen, Nick Lellos, Xavier Canchola. Back row: Rogar Hankins, Tom Camaron, Jarry Bratcher, John Tolan, Dava Taatar, Jim Wiggins, Kan Haupt, Trainer Lou Grant.



Left: Senior co-captains Jeff Hacker and Dave Kunovski stand with their parents during Parent Night. Below: Reverend Chriapell looks on with concern from the sidelines during the Toledo Rogers game.



The "Pirate Machine", led by quarterback Greg Kouvelas, gets ready to grind out some more yardage.



Junior offensive running back Mike Anderson puts a block on his man.



Dedicated Larry Adams and George Doolin decide to warm up at the game.



Above: The team gathers on the sideline for their pre-game fire-up speech.

Below left: Pirates Bruce Jones and Mark Dujmovich combine for a quar-

terback sack. Below right: Greg Kouvelas calls signals from the line during

a crucial third down situation.



J.V. Gridders Overcome Slow Start

M'ville Junior Varsity

MHS	OPP
7	LaPorte 13
0	Hobart 14
27	Lake Central 10
14	Chesterton 12
7	Portage 0
13	Andrean 6
18	M.C. Rogers 13
21	Valparaiso 0



The Pirate line pass blocks against Duneland foe Chesterton.

The J.V.ers had a hard time getting started, but once they got going, there was no stopping them. The team started by losing their first 2 games; first to LaPorte, 13-7 and the second to Hobart, 14-0. They finally got rolling with a victory over Lake Central, 27-10. The Chesterton Trojans fell into the same category as Lake Central; that is, the losers column with a 14-0 loss. Then the Pirates traveled to Portage and beat them 7-0. The traditional "Battle of Broadway" was indeed traditional. The Pirates won by the score of 13-6. Duneland Conference foe Michigan City felt the edge of the sword by failing to defeat, 18-13. The J.V.ers finished the season with the crossbones flying high by upsetting previously undefeated Valpo, 21-0. This was the best record by a J.V. team in the past few years.



Front row l-r: Mike Judge, Steve Bunnell, Nick Brevos, Javier Guerrero, Bob Remly, Scott Mann, Don Engel, Lenny Schmidt, Mike Thomas. Second row l-r: Tom Wirts, Al Pantelic, Steve Cook, Scot Lamb, Gery Getlin, Joe Micheal, Bob Andrews, Mike Sekeleros. Third row l-r: Cory Golkowski, Paul Porter, Frank Primich, John Doolin, Mike Megiera, Al Ogen, Chris Peppes. Fourth row l-r: Joe Berdeson, Phil Comerford, Scott Menoski, Bob Smith, Steve Krutz, Skip Welker, Louis Klimeszewski. Back row l-r: Manager, Head coach Jim Wiggins, Assistant coach Dave Schetzel, Assistant coach Dave Teeter.

Future Looks Bright For Pirate Runners

The 1980 Varsity Cross Country team finished this season with a 5-8 record. Although the Pirates fell short of last year's 13-4 mark, hard work and determination exemplified this year's team.

Injuries plagued the team throughout most of the season. Senior Bill Gallo sat out a large portion of the season due to an injury, while Mark Amaya was kept on the sidelines by an illness. Their health could have proved beneficial to the team's overall record.

The team displayed strong determination, while placing well in a number of their invitational meets this year. The Pirates finished 2nd out of 11 at

the Twin Lakes Invitational. The Highland Invit. produced a 4th of 21, and an 8th place out of 20 teams was recorded at the Hobart Invit.

Though many of the upperclassmen had limited running experience, the future looks very bright for the Pirates. Freshmen Mike Zimmawoda, Chris Crowder, and Gaven Riddle ran varsity all year. The J.V. team was 33 and 5 this year, while the freshmen was 27 and 2.

Special awards were received by Bill Gallo, mental attitude; Mark Amaya, most valuable; Jerry Voyles, most summer mileage; and Ed Brezindine, most improved.



Gavin Riddle and Fernando Martinez keep up the pace for other Pirate runners.



Leading the way to a Pirate victory, Bill Gallo and Chris Crowder stride toward the finish line.



1980-81 Boys' Cross Country Team. Top row l-r: George Gianlissa, Tony Salcedo, Jerry Voyles, Dave Rogers, Mark Amaya, Mike Zimmawoda, Bill Gallo, Coach Moody. Mid. row: Scott Elliott, Scott Semper, Dave Rainford, Chris Crowder, Larry Oliver, Tim Runholt. Front row: Dave Barnes, Ed Brezindine, Fernando Martinez, Dave Kierzkowski, Tom Adams, Ron Holbrook.

Boys Cross Country	
MHS	OPP
36 Gary Roosevelt	23
27 Griffith	40
Lowell	65
35 LaPorte	22
50 Valparaiso	15
50 Crown Point	15
25 Hobart	24
M.C. Rogers	32
46 Portage	15
Chesterton	18
28 Lew Wallace	49
Wirt	90
29 Andean	30
Rensselaer Invitational	
Seniors	9th
Juniors	8th
Sophomores	6th
Freshmen	3rd
New Prairie Invitational	
Varsity	12th
Freshmen	2nd
Highland Invitational	
Varsity	4th
Junior varsity	5th
Hobart Invitational—8th	
Twin Lakes Invitational	
Varsity	2nd
Junior varsity	1st
Highland Freshmen/	
Soph. Invit.	
First place	
Sectionals—4th	
Regionals—7th	

Drive, Determination, and Dedication



Now a Duneland Conference sport, which is sanctioned by the IHSAA, girls' cross country has entered the competitive world of sports. The girls completed their season with a 5-8 win-loss standing. Coaching the girls for her second year, Carol Yates had 5 girls with which to work. Despite the season beginning on a low note with 3 losses on the minds of the girls, their spirits were high, and they were de-

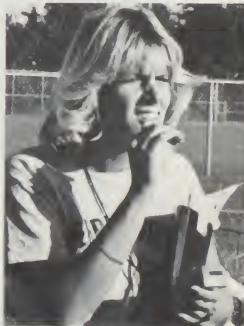
termined not to give up. The girls were close-knit and worked as a unit.

Junior runner Gena Harriman broke Senior Julie Bowman's 3000 meter record of 12:09 by two one-hundredths of a second. Gena was also the team's most valuable player and qualified for State, finishing 54th out of over 200 participants at the state meet in Bloomington.

1980 Girls' Cross Country

Homewood Flossmore	L
Rich Central	L
Munster	L
Chesterton	W
Thornton Fractional	L
North	L
Illiana Christian	W
Highland	L
Crown Point	L
Lake Central	L
Munster	W
Chesterton	W
Calumet	W
Highland	L

1980-81 Girls' Cross Country Squad
—Top row l-r: Janie Wilkerson, Cheryl Tomb, Janet Hartwig, Coach Carol Yates. Bottom row l-r: Julie Bowman and Gina Harriman.



Right: Coach Yates anxiously awaits meet results as she keeps time on a Pirate runner.



"And they're off!" as Junior, Gena Harriman takes a substantial lead.



Cheryl Tomb congratulates Julie Bowman after victoriously crossing the finish line.

Girls golfers stroke to 5-6 mark

The 1980-81 girls' varsity golf team finished their season with a 5-6 mark. The Pirates suffered a loss to Munster in their opening match. The team then won three consecutive matches defeating M.C. Elston, Portage, and M.C. Marquette. The girls also handed losses to Knox and Hobart.

In his fifth season, Coach Ed Wiles' team was led by the lone returning letterman, Mary Lynn Tombers. The experience of senior golfers Kim Cooley, Carrie Grose, Kathleen Tournai, and Lisa Wood was very advantageous to the Pirates overall season. The team concluded their season with a fifth place finish in sectional competition.

Those girls receiving honors at the banquet were: Mary Lynn Tombers, most valuable; Karen Krampien, most improved; and Kathleen Tournai, best mental attitude.



Left: Senior letterman Mary Lynn Tombers demonstrates her winning form. Above: Sophomore Missy S-

dowski patiently awaits the result of her putt.



Left: Senior Kathleen Tournai lines herself up for an important putt. Above: Kathleen Tournai expresses

her enthusiasm after successfully sinking the putt.



MHS

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212
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231
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Munster
M.C. Elston
Portage
M.C. Marquette
LaPorte
Chesterton
M.C. Rogers
Knox
Hobart
Andrean
Valparaiso

OPP

191
258
235
234
202
203
182
233
237
215
207

Upper left: Concentration is the key word as sophomore Sherri Modrak studies this putt. Above: Senior Carrie

Grose follows through after a long drive.



Front row: Mary Lynn Tombers, Kathleen Tournai, Lisa Wood, Carrie Grose, Kim Cooley. Second row: Kathy Pederson, Michelle Damazet. Back row: Missy Sadowksi, Coach Ed Wiles, Karen Krampien, Coach Lillian Wiles, and Sherri Modrak.

Purple Wave Plunges Into



Girls' Swimming—bottom row—I to r: Kris Hodge, Linda Lesniak, Rose Shooter, Tammy Jelenek, Jill Giordano, Barb Helwig, Lisa Rusak. Row 2—Asst. Coach Renee Reimer, Sue Shinovich, Stephanie Ciesielski, Tammy Gemeinhart, Linda Lewandowski, Kelly McLaughlin, Mary Dyman, Lori Dian, Rene Charbonneau, Head Coach Doug Stebbins. Row 3—Meg Johnson, Lori Gemeinhart, Patti Fargo, Amy Girodano, Karen Lesniak, Patty Metten, Denise Rogeski.



Diver Tammy Gemeinhart uses total concentration for this dive.



Super swimmer Rene Charbonneau gives it her all at a meet.

the State Championship

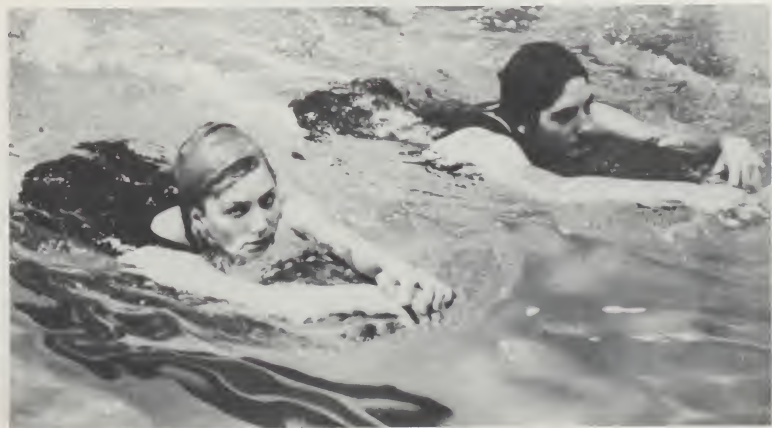


A Merrillville swimmer grabs a quick breath before going into her flip turn.

Long, hard, early as well as late practices, and that sometimes nagging "push" are all in a swimmer's everyday life. It takes this and much more to become a dedicated swimmer at Merrillville. This was evident in the girls' varsity swim team.

Highlighting the girls' varsity swim team this year was the qualification of the 400 yard freestyle relay team for the state championship swim meet. The team, consisting of Rene Charbonneau, Mary Dyman, Lori Gemeinhart, and Linda Lesniak, placed thirteenth in the state competition.

The swim team's overall record was 6-5, with a 2-4 standing in Duneland Conference. Special awards presented to team members at the Fall Sports Banquet included most valuable swimmer—Mary Dyman; most improved swimmer—Amy Giordano; best mental attitude—Tammy Gemeinhart and Linda Lewandowski; super swimmer—Rene Charbonneau.



Linda Lesniak and Mary Dyman practice with the boards.

Merrillville Pirates Serve

"This year was the closest we have ever come to winning sectionals. You have to give the boys credit though. They played one heck of a season. I'm proud of each and every one of them." Coach Dave Banas really had something to crow about. The 1980 boys' tennis team proved what a little self-discipline and motivation could do for an athlete. This speaks for itself as the boys lost only five matches

out of fifteen during the season. The first five matches, won by the Pirates, were all Duneland Conference rivals. The boys finished third in Duneland Conference competition with a 7-5 mark and completed a 12-6 overall record, including sectionals.

The Pirates met the underdog Hobart Brickies in the first round of sectionals. The boys came out on top with a score of 5-0. The second round

proved much the same as Merrillville beat Calumet, again by a score of 5-0. It was on to the finals as the Pirates met the Highland Trojans. Much to the netters' dismay, Merrillville lost, 3-2.

The Pirates were led by returning letterman senior Andy Speer, who received the most valuable player award. Sure to be of great assistance to the team next year is Joe Johnson, winner of the most im-

proved player award. Junior Jon Tilman hung strong even when the team faced defeat and was the recipient of the best mental attitude award.

"Everyone is to be congratulated for a very fine season," says Coach Banas. "Next year's team is going to be strong. The potential is there and we're going to try to do it!"

Boys' Tennis—Varsity

MHS	OPP
W	Lowell
W	M.C. Rogers
W	Hobart
W	Portage
W	Chesterton
L	Valparaiso
L	LaPorte
W	M.C. Rogers
W	Hobart
L	Portage
W	Crown Point
W	Chesterton
L	Valparaiso
W	Andean
L	LaPorte
	Sectionals
W	Hobart
W	Calumet
L	Highland



Varsity Boys' Tennis—bottom row—I to r: Joby Arredondo, Joe Johnson, Toby Darkins, Guy Tully. Row 2—Jon Tilman, Andy Speer, Mark Kolozenski, Coach Dave Banas, Steve Nealon, Dave Satka.



Freshman Toby Darkins eyes the ball before he slams it into his opponent's court.

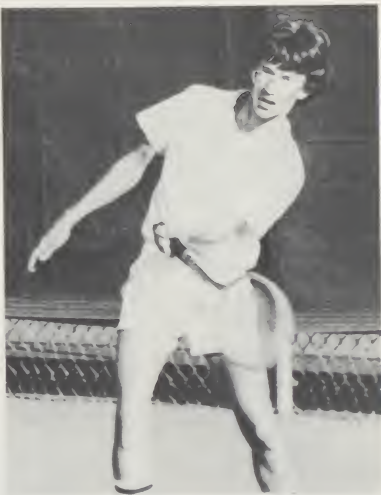


Joby Arredondo waits for the ball to be in the right place for his overhead smash return.

Up An Ace of a Season



Simo Ceko baffles his opponent with a forehand shot.



Steve Wachowski uses his skills to return the ball.



J.V.—bottom row—l to r: Pat Nealon, Mark Howe, Steve Wachowski, Kim Dunkleburger. Row 2—Dan Pankiewicz, Coach Banas, Brian Petrovich, Simo Ceko.



Brian Petrovich follows through his shot with a backhand.

Volleyers "Dig Up" A Successful Season



Coaching the girls' varsity volleyball team for her third consecutive year, Coach Janis Qualizza explains an im-

portant, vital technique to the girls during a volleyball practice.



Senior Sherrie Matthews, one of the team's most valuable players, displays her winning technique, while

sophomore Cheri Vermillion patiently looks on.



Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team from left to right: Coach Janis Qualizza, Kathy Huber, Peggy Abel, Vicki Vergin, Cheri Vermillion, Laura Berndt, Sherrie Matthews, Kelly Hurlbert, Tracy Burditt, Toni Miller, Brenda Mecchia, and Chris Dewell.

One word can sum up the 1980 girls' volleyball squad—Spectacular! With a promising 15-6 record in their regular season games, the girls went on to become sectional champions. A narrow loss to Highland in regional play-offs put an end to the Pirates' journey to state competition. Nevertheless, the volleys finished second in Duneland Conference competition with an overall record of 18-7.

One of the six losses that the girls suffered was to Highland by a mere two points. Highland was then ranked first in state. Another loss came from LaPorte, who then ranked first in state. Unfortunately, the Pirates had to play an additional game to break a tie against the Slicers, and the clock ran out. Again, the loss

came within a two-point spread.

In regional play-offs the competition was rough for the girls. The first game was won by Merrillville, the second by Highland. Once again, the clock took its toll and crushed the hopes of the Pirate's travel down state.

Two girls received All-Conference honors. They were Sherrie Matthews and Chris DeWell. Toni Miller received an Honorable Mention in this area, also.

Among those girls who were presented with honors at the banquet were Chris DeWell for the most improved award and Peggy Abel for the best mental attitude. Toni Miller and Sherrie Matthews shared as double winners in the most valuable player category.

GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

OPP.	MHS	Hobart	W
Boone Grove	W	Valparaiso	W
Edison	W	Gavit/Roosevelt	W
Morton	L	Andean	L
Clark/Calumet	W	Portage	W
Chesterton	W	Highland	L
Crown Point	W	Munster	L
M.C. Rogers	L	LaPorte	L
Hebron	W	REGIONAL CHAMPS	
Roosevelt/Bishop Noll	W	REGIONALS	
Griffith	W	Highland	L

Far left: In the last few seconds of the game, senior Laura Berndt demonstrates the proper procedure for blocking a spike.

Toni Miller, Sherrie Matthews, Chris DeWell, and Peggy Abel all received special honors at the awards banquet.



Above Middle: Girls' Junior Varsity Volleyball Team from left to right. Top row: Laura LaMarca, Dawn Lubeke, Coach Joe Starky, Deanna Carlson, Jeannen Hyke. Middle row: Sandy Manis, Jackie Neff, Karen Huber. Third row: Linda Brizendine, Rene Franz. Bottom row: Cathy Beckman.

Purple Power Towels Swing Cagers Into Sectionals

The 1980-81 varsity basketball squad, led by first year coach Jim East, posted a 15-8 record and finished with a second place tie in the Duneland Conference.

The Pirates started off the season by winning their first three games handily, defeating Lew Wallace, S.B. Adams, and Elkhart Central. The team made their debut in the AP Top Twenty by soaring to the number 16th spot. The cagers then suffered three losses, including a conference loss to Valparaiso.

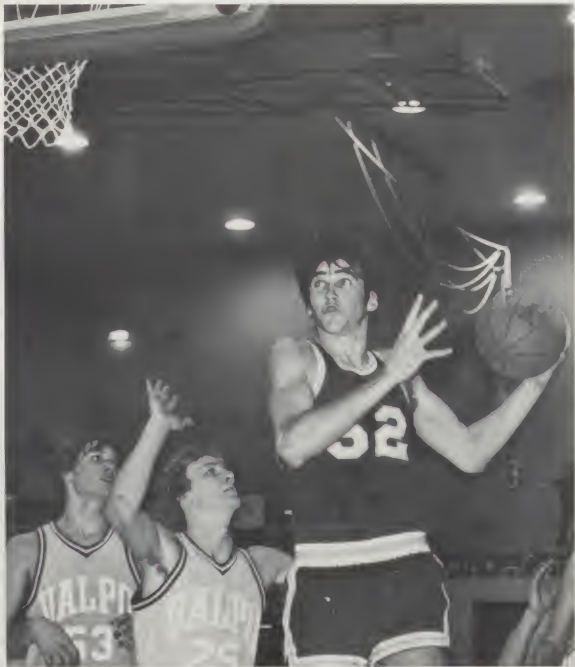
With a 3-3 record, the Pirates could have easily settled for a mediocre season. Inspired by the total support of the student body and fans, the team regrouped and put together a ten game winning streak. During the course of the ten victories, the Bucs also managed to capture the Whiting Tournament, defeating Crown Point and Whiting in the championship game. The Pirate's success was due largely to the sharp shooting of Bill Meade who set a new school record, shooting a phenomenal 63% from the field.

Confidence, good team play, and support from the bench prepared the team for their final four games of the season. The Bucs gave it their all, but much to their dismay the last four games were lost by a total of ten points. The final game, which was against M.C. Elston, was a defeat that was accompanied with an overtime and a point spread of two.

Despite the last four games of regular season play, the Pirates poured on the steam and beat Crown Point and Lake Central in sectionals. In a thriller the Pirates ended their season by losing to Highland in the Championship game by a score of 58-54.

Special awards were pre-

sented to: Randy Ban, mental attitude; Lou Stefanovic, most valuable player; Jon Tilton, free throw pct. (94%); Bill Meade, field goal pct. (63%); and Randy Ban in assists. Lou Stefanovic was selected to participate in the McDonald Land Classic and the Huntington Classic. Seniors Mike Souronis and Greg Mackey were chosen as members of the North-South County All-Star game.



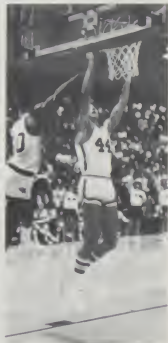
Top: Guard Mike Souronis applies good defensive pressure against his opponent. Above: Lou Stefanovic crashes the boards with authority as two Valpo players look on.



Top: Coach East shouts instructions to the team over the roar of the crowd, while Bill Meade and Greg Mackey look on. Right: Leaving his man in the dust, guard Randy Ban drives to the basket.



The varsity crew reacts to another easy basket made by the Pirates.



Greg Mackey slips through the backdoor for two points.



Randy Ban and Lazo Krstevski discuss the game plan with Coach East during a time out.



Lou Stefanovic lays in an easy two while junior Jon Tilman looks on.



Front row: Mgr. Xavier Canchola, Mike Souronis, Randy Ban, Casey Carrabine, Larry Judge, Dave Patz, Mgr. Al Canchola. Back row: Jay Layman, Bill Meade, Lou Stefanovic, Chuck Ganz, Greg Mackey, Jon Tilman. Below: Bill Meade fires away during the M.C. Rogers game.



1980-81 Varsity Basketball

MHS	OPP	MHS	OPP
72 Gary Wallace	61 74 Chesterton	52	
70 S.B. Adams	60 89 Crown Point	64	
79 Elkhart Central	59 69 LaPorte	49	
62 Gary West	65 75 M.C. Rogers	69	
49 Andean	64 86 Munster	53	
82 Valparaiso	37 42 Portage	44	
53 Lake Central	49 86 Gary Roosevelt	69	
79 Lowell	48 83 Highland	68	
66 Crown Point-Whiting	42 70 M.C. Elston (OT)	72	
Tourney			
66 Whiting-Whiting	60 71 Crown Point—Sectionals	60	
Championship			
78 Hobart	35 54 Lake Central (2 OT)	50	
	45 Highland—Finals	48	

Teamwork Produces 16-4 Record!

This year's junior varsity basketball team truly exemplified the meaning of "team." The team consisted of sixteen members with all sixteen seeing action in at least twelve of our games. At the beginning of the year, twelve different players filled the roles of starters as we were struggling with a 3-4 record. After Valparaiso beat us by fifteen points, a team meeting was in order. There were high hopes for these young men, but losing was not one of them. After getting organized, the J.V. squad pulled things together to accomplish 13 straight victories to bring their overall record to 16-4. A tough loss to Gary Roosevelt and a big victory over M.C. Elston in the season finale ended the year for this group of future round-ballers at 17 victories and 5 losses. It was truly an outstanding year for all involved.



Front row: Dennis Metcalf, Bruce Markle. Back row: Mgr. Nick Bumbales, Leonard Schmidt, Gene Gurnsey, Mike Judge, Mike Meade, Bob Thomas, Tom Kunac, Rich Melvic, Jay Layman, Steve Cook, John Sabrowski, Scott Orosz, Mgr. Brian Petrovich.

1980-81 J.V. Basketball

MHS		OPP
4	E. C. Washington	57
56	Gary Wallace	48
54	S.B. Adams	58
52	Elkhart Central	47
50	Gary West	56
61	Andean	51
42	Valparaiso	57
45	Lake Central	37
47	Lowell	31
52	Hobart	28
47	Chesterton	40
53	Crown Point	33
48	LaPorte	36
59	M.C. Rogers	36
58	Munster	48
48	Portage	47
35	Gary Roosevelt	41
50	Highland	34
62	M.C. Elston	37



Lenny Schmidt and Bruce Markle have trouble keeping their shorts up.

Girls "Pass, Dribble, and Shoot"

With the experience and leadership of seven senior returning lettermen, the 1980-81 girls' varsity basketball team carried a 14-9 season record and captured the sectional crown.

As first year coach at M.H.S., Mike Regan put the talented and charismatic girls to the test. The result was a sectional title in the Duneland Conference playoffs. The girls then went on to compete in regionals. In the first round, the girls faced the seemingly invincible Munster Mustangs who were favored to win regionals. Much to the Mustang's surprise, the Pirates defeated them, 53-51. The game was a sight to see, as the ecstatic girls prepared for the regional championship game. The girls put up a tough fight against Hammond High. Unfortunately, Hammond came out on top by a score of 43-38. Nevertheless, the taste of regional competition will aid the girls in the future, which will be an advantage over other Duneland Conference competitors.

Sure to be beneficial to the team next year is junior Chris DeWell. Chris was the team leader in field goal percentage as well as in rebounds. She was also on the Gary Post and Hammond Times All-Area Teams. In addition, she received Duneland All-Conference honors. Junior Toni Miller accompanied Chris in the Duneland All-Conference competition, as she received an honorable mention. Toni was also the team leader in assists. Two outstanding seniors on the team were Laura Berndt and Sherrie Matthews, both of whom received an honorable mention from the Hammond Times All-Area Team. Sherrie had the best free throw percentage for the season. Rebecca Vertrees accepted an award for having the best mental attitude, and the recipient of the most valuable player award was Phyllis Victor.



Varsity Girls' Basketball—Top row l-r: Vickie Vergin, Toni Miller, Chris DeWell, Linda Scholtz, Laura Berndt, Sherrie Matthews. Bottom row l-r: Becky Vertrees, Peggy Abel, Phyllis Victor, Tracy Burditt, Mary Lynn Tombers.



1980-81 Girls' Varsity Basketball

MHS	OPP
32 Crown Point	43
41 Highland	32
42 LaPorte	53
58 Noil	56
34 Andean	24
52 Portage	53
44 Chesterton	50
43 Hammond Morton	37
44 Munster	48
28 Whiting	30
35 Griffith	16
60 Hobart	35
50 Lake Station	32
63 Lake Central	46
48 Valparaiso	54
53 Griffith	28
52 Calumet	47
47 M.C. Rogers	54
44 Andean	Sectionals 30
46 Lowell	Sectionals 41
38 Crown Point	Sectional Championship 37
53 Munster	Regionals 51
38 Hammond High	Regional Championship 43

Above left: Senior Sherrie Matthews finds an open Pirate player and passes the ball over an opponents head.

Left: Becky Vertrees demonstrates the proper way to drive on an Andean player and adds another two points for a Pirate victory.



J.V. Girls' Basketball—Top row l-r: Cheri Vermillion, Carla Mason, Brenda Boyd, Cathy Hicks, Deanna Carlson, Coach Mandon. Middle row l-r: Cheri Moore, Brenda Mecchia, Rene Franz, Jackie Neff. Bottom row: Sandy Manis.



Above: The varsity girls huddle together for a little pep talk before breaking.
Below center: Junior Chris DeWell

stretches for possession of the ball. Below bottom: Pirate fans show their enthusiasm at sectionals.

MHS		OPP
24	Crown Point	27
24	Highland	29
40	LaPorte	32
35	Andean	21
20	Chesterton	42
48	Hammond Morton	20
25	Munster	29
49	Hobart	9
36	Lake Station	14
46	Lake Central	24
30	Valparaiso	36
42	Griffith	22
44	Calumet	25
43	M.C. Rogers	47



The highlight of the J.V. girls' basketball season this year was defeating Merrillville's number 1 rival, Andean. The girls stomped the Niners by a score of 35-21. The girls' overall record stood at 8-6. The girls' six defeats were by an average of only seven points, and their conference record was 2-3.

The girls began an upswing during mid-season as they handed the Hobart Brickies a 49-9 loss.

Two talented players on the squad were sophomore Sandy Manis and freshman Cheri Moore who were extremely beneficial to the team.

The squad has quite a bit of talent and potential to be a top-notch team next year.

All American Rating Among Pirate Swimmers' Accomplishments

Long hours and exhausting practices made this year's varsity swimming team one of the most successful ever. With a 4-2 conference record and an 8-4 overall, the Pirates tied for 2nd in the Duneland Conference, 3rd in the Sectional, and 7th in state.

Many records also fell by the pool side as the Pirates continued their excellent performance. The following new records were established:

- 200 Free Bob Beck 1:42.88
- 200 I.M. Dave Pushka 2:00.61
- 50 Free Bob Beck 22.03
- 100 Free Bob Beck 47.43
- 500 Free Bob Beck 4:43.99
- 400 Free Relay 3:14.01

Beck, Pushka, Smith, Moore The All-Conference Swimmers were as follows:

- Bob Beck—100 and 200 Free
- Dave Pushka—200 Indv. Med.
- Eric Dornburg—400 Free Relay

Bob Beck—400 Free Relay
 Dan Vidimos—400 Free Relay
 Tom Smith—400 Free Relay
 All-State Swimmers were as follows:

- Bob Beck 100 and 200 Free
- Bob Beck 400 Free Relay
- Dave Pushka 400 Free Relay
- Tom Smith 400 Free Relay
- Brad Moore 400 Free Relay

For the first time ever at Merrillville, the following received All-American Honorable Mention:

- Bob Beck 200 Free
- Bob Beck 400 Free Relay
- Dave Pushka 400 Free Relay
- Tom Smith 400 Free Relay
- Brad Moore 400 Free Relay

Other awards were as follows:

- Most Valuable Swimmer—Bob Beck
- Most Valuable Diver—Allan Vasquez
- Unsung Hero—Eric Dornburg
- Most Improved—Tony Figueroa

- Mike Daniel
- Rookie of the Year—Dirk Hutchison



Front Row: Coach Al Anderson, Coach Doug Stebbens, Andy Prushak, Allen Vasquez, Mike Daniel, Dirk Hutchison, Tony Figueroa, Doug Lewan, Nick Seibal, Eric Dornburg, Joby Arrendondo, Brad Moore, Bob Beck, Coach Cliff Gerich. Back Row: Mike Kemp, Dan Vidimos, Jeff Peters, Dave Pushka, Dan Maluga, Jeff Lax, Tom Smith, Rodney Williams, Larry Adams, Scott Elliot, Rich Frank, and Mike Pearson.



Seniors Dan Vidimos and Jeff Peters congratulate each other following a close race.



The Shah of Merrillville, alias Larry Adams, waits for his camel.



Coach Anderson proudly receives his team's score.



Above: Bob Beck loosens up before his event. Below: Dave Pushka catches up on some reading during a meet.



Serious Injuries Hamper Team

This year's 1980-81 boys wrestling squad combined their efforts to produce a 3-5 record. Due to injuries sustained by seniors Tim Gavelek and Rick Rhodes, the Pirates struggled throughout much of the season. The team managed to finish 4th in the Merrillville Inv., 4th in the Mooresville Holiday Classic, and 4th in the Culver Military Tournament.

Following the regular season, the Pirates placed 3rd in sectionals, 8th in regionals, and 17th in semi-state. The JV squad finished with a 7-1 record and the Freshman team ended the season with a 6-1 mark. Senior Bruce Jones posted a sensational 28-4 overall record and was a state qualifier this season.

Awards were presented to Bruce Jones, most take-downs, most valuable wrestler—MHS, and most valuable wrestler in Duneland Conference; Tim Wolf, most falls and outstanding mental attitude; Bob Orosz, most improved; and Scott Plesha, outstanding academic achievement.

OPP	MHS
Highland	L
LaPorte	W
Portage	W
Andrean	W
M.C. Rogers	L
Chesterton	L
Hobart	L
Valparaiso	L
Merrillville Inv.	4th
Mooresville	
Holiday Cl.	4th
Culver Military Tourn.	4th
Duneland	
Conference	6th



State qualifier Bruce Jones poses for a picture.



and Dim Overall Hopes



Above: The hand is raised as Tim Wolf wins another match. Below: Jamie Mack looks for instructions from Coach Cameron.



Junior Scott Plesha attempts to escape from a Hobart opponent.



What can you say about a seniorless gymnastic squad that has six freshmen members who are on the optional team, except that they've got what it takes? That's exactly what one could say about the 1981 gymnastic squad. Last year's team had seven senior gymnasts. But with the tremendous leadership from the team's three junior captains, Laura Wozniak, Lynne Shearin, and Corinne Kierzkowski, the intermediate team finished 10-2 and the optional team tallied an 11-1 record. Both levels lost to tough conference competitor Valparaiso. On the contrary, this didn't dim the girls' sights for sectionals as the optional team captured first place honors at sectionals for the fourth straight year. They also received first places at the Portage Optional Invitational and at the Highland All-Around Meet.

The optional team, comprised of Laura Wozniak, Lynne Shearin, Nancy Gress, and Shelly Andrews, was sec-

ond in Duneland Conference. In addition, they captured a second place at the Fort Wayne Optional Invitational. The girls then went on to regionals and brought back a second place.

Michelle Dzyacky, a sophomore, scored the most points for the intermediate team. She was also the most valuable player. Junior Laura Wozniak shared the same awards as Michelle, only at the optional level. Freshman Kendra DeCheske was the most improved member. Two freshmen gymnasts tied for having the best mental attitudes. They were Nancy Gress and Shelly Andrews.

With such a young and talented team, Coach Diane Rusak Roberts should have no problem holding on to the tradition of winning the sectional crown. With a little bit of patience and a great deal of drive, determination, and dedication, the upcoming gymnastic squads at M.H.S. are sure to be state championship material.

Young Gymnasts Show That



Optional team member Nancy Gress prepares to continue to her next move.



Concentration is the key word here as Sabrina Gallegos begins her uneven parallel bars routine.



Patty Ornelas adds that extra flair that makes her floor routine a real showstopper.

They've Got What It Takes!



Lynne Shearin shows the proper technique for holding a steady pose on the beam.



Laura Wozniak dismounts with pizazze.



Michelle Dzyacky focuses her thoughts on her floor routine.



1981 Gymnastic Squad—Bottom row l-r: Nancy Gress, Corinne Kierzkowski. Row 2—Shelly Andrews, Lisa Carnegie. Row 3—Patty Ornelas, Sabrina Gallegos. Row 4—Kendra DeCheske, JoAnna Lear. Row 5—Lynne Shearin, Michelle Dzyacky. Row 6—Laura Wozniak. Row 7—Assistant Coach Mike Howe and Head Coach Diane Rusak Roberts.

Merrillville Meets Each Opponent One Stride At a Time



Track and Field—bottom row—l to r: Earl Capuli, Fabian Martinez, Ron Holbrook, Ed Brizendine, Ron Voyles, Phil Comerford, Ken Petroff. Row 2—Jim Jackson, Willie Morris, Jeff Snemis, Dennis Gladdis, Gary Gatlin, Mike McGhan. Row 3—Coach Mike Miller, Jarvis Peddicord, Mike Anderson, Larry Oliver, Bill Benjamin, Bruce Bunnel, Mark Amaya, Dan Barnes. Row 4—Coach Melcher, Dan Pankiewicz, Chris Vereb, Frank Burke, Jerry Voyles, Scott Plesha, Mike Judge, Coach Armontrout. Row 5—Dave Knopp, Larry Judge, Jon Tilton, Chuck Gans, Mike Meade, Jeff Habrych, Dirk Hutchison. Not pictured: Bill Gallo, Tony Salcedo, and Ron Carter.



Jeff Snemis begins his run for the pole vault event.

MHS

82
51
85
41
59
59
73

M'ville Track and Field

M.C. Rogers
Portage
Wirt
Chesterton
Valparaiso
LaPorte
Hobart
Gary Roosevelt Quadrangular—2nd
Chesterton Relays—1st
Delphi Relays—2nd
Hobart Little Five—1st
Griffith Relays—2nd
Conference—5th
Sectionals—3rd

OPP

45
76
42
86
68
68
54



Merrillville trackmen stretch, relax, and discuss strategies before the beginning of a meet.



MVP recipient Mark Amaya pulls out ahead of his rivals while teammate Dave Knopp is close at hand.

For the sheer taste of competition among athletes between schools as well as the individual athletes pitted against themselves, track and field is exactly that. Weeks of seemingly non-stop practices, shin splints, aching muscles, bruised limbs, and that extra get-up-and-go all rolled up into one are what makes a track and field athlete. There's one vital aspect that track and field athletes must portray. That aspect is dedication. You can't go to practices when you feel like it or decide that at next week's meet you'll put forth some effort. Win or lose, feel like it or not, that dedica-

tion must always be present.

This year's track and field team portrayed this vital quality that every athlete should try to possess. There were times when the Pirates lost an event by a fraction of an inch or by one-hundredth of a second, but that all-important dedication pulled the men through. Senior co-captains Mark Amaya and Earl Capuli made sure that each and every member held his part and contributed 100% at all of the meets.

The Pirates posted a 3-4 standing for the season. They took a first at the Hobart Little Five as well as at the Chester-

ton Relays. They pulled three 2nd's at the Gary Roosevelt Quadrangular meet, the Delphi Relays, and at the Griffith Relays. Merrillville finished fifth in Duneland Conference competition and third at sectionals.

Larry Judge was an individual conference champion in the shot put. He also was one of two sectional champs in the field events of shot put and discus. Larry continued his athletic abilities as a regional champ and as a state qualifier, both in the shot put. In addition, he received the best mental attitude award.

Mark Amaya was the other

sectional champion. He cracked the track scene and won the 1600 meter run. Mark was one of two regional qualifiers in the 3200 meter run. Bill Gallo shared this honor with him. Mark was also the recipient of the most valuable player award.

Earl Capuli tied the school record for pole vaulting. He cleared 13'0". Earl was a regional qualifier in pole vaulting, too. Mike Judge joined Earl, Bill, and Mark as the final regional qualifier. His qualifying event was shot put, and Bill Benjamin received the Iron Man Award.



Junior Dan Barnes prepares to hurl himself over the high jump bar.



Dan successfully clears the bar.



Jim Jackson finds that last ounce of energy needed to reach the finish line.



A Merrillville pole vaulter is caught during the beginning of his attempt to clear the bar.

Girls Run Into the Thrill Of Victory

With a 15-1 dual and triangular record locked away for the season, the 1981 girls track and field team decided to break the tape and give it their all at sectionals. Sadly enough, they had to settle for a second place with 85 points. Nevertheless, seven girls were fortunate and represented Merrillville at regionals. The seven girls were Janie Harper, Sherri Modrak, Becky Remley, Mandy Leposky, Mary Lynn Tombers, Janet Hartwig, and Michelle Dzyacky. These girls captured 5th place at regionals. Next came state where the 400 meter relay team consisting of Sherri Modrak, Becky Remley, Janie Harper, and Mandy Leposky finished 7th at 49.5. Mary Lynn Tombers traveled to state also and was third in the 1600 meter run with a 5:08.27. Sherri Modrak ran a solo also in the 200 meter run and was fifth with a 25.56. The only member that was able to bring home a first was sophomore Michelle Dzyacky. She won the high jump at 5'7". Overall, the team finished seventh at state.

The team had only 5 seniors with the remainder being underclassmen. This didn't hurt the squad though, as many school records were broken by several underclassmen. A total of seven records were broken. These new records were the 400 meter dash by Janet Hartwig—58.3, the 1600 meter run by Mary Lynn Tombers—5:08.27, the 800 meter run by Mary Lynn Tombers—2:23.1, the 400 meter relay by Janie Harper, Becky Remley, Sherri Modrak, and Mandy Leposky—49.5, the discus by Linda Lesniak—118'3", the 1600 meter relay by Amy Girodano, Jill Giordano, Annette Ciochina, and Mary Lynn Tombers—4:23.9, and the high jump by Michelle Dzyacky—5'7".

Honored team members received awards at the spring banquet. Among those honored were Karen Tenetski for the best mental attitude, Michelle Dzyacky for the most running event points, Sherri Modrak for the most field event points, and Mary Lynn Tombers for the Most Valuable Player award.



The expression on Mary Lynn Tombers' face shows just how grueling the 1600 meter run can be.



Long distance runner Julie Bowman keeps a steady pace ahead of an opponent as she prepares for the last lap.



Mandy Leposky receives the baton from Sherri Modrak and proceeds to take a few strides ahead of her opponents.



Girls' Track and Field Team—bottom row l-r: Mandy Leposky, Julie Bowman, Karyn Wampler, Amy Giordano, Jill Giordano. Row 2—Robin Wade, Linda Lesniak, Karen Tonetski, Becky Remley, Karen Lesniak, Kim Scholz. Row 3—Michelle Dzyacky, Janet Hartwig, Mary Dyman, Sherri Modrak, Stacy Costidakis. Row 4—Assistant Coach Karen Sohovich, Janie Harper, Marjie Trocha, Mary Lynn Tombers, Stephanie Ciesielski, Annette Clochina, Lori Meilinger, Coach Jim Moody. Not pictured: Cindy Lamfalvai, Joan Puntillo, Assistant Coach Jim East.



Stacy Costidakis cuddles Mama and Baby Bun-Bun as Michelle Dzyacky says "cheese" for the photographer.



Janie Harper and Becky Remley battle against their opponents in the 400 meter relay.



Last minute thoughts are going through Robin Wade's mind before she releases the ball.



Janet Hartwig, a record holder for the 400 meter dash, stretches toward the tape.

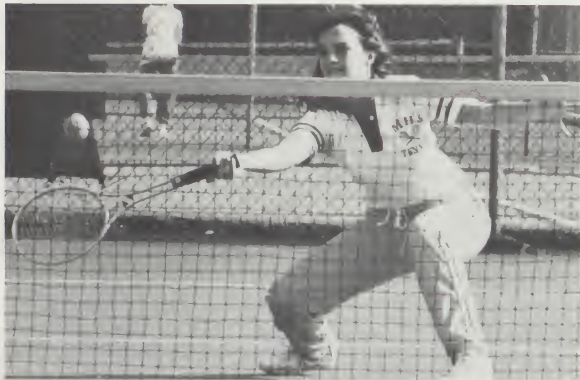
MHS

76½	Lake Central, Wirt, Hebron
96	M.C. Rogers
76	Portage
84½	Munster, Lake Station
68	Chesterton
92	Wirt
60	Lake Central, West Side
66	Valparaiso, Crown Point
33	LaPorte
76	Hobart
92	Highland
93	Conference—2nd
85	Sectionals—2nd
37	Regionals—5th
	State—5th

OPP

36½, 22, 9
9
29
38½, 11
37
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28, 45
22, 46
72
29
13

Tennis team produces 6-7 record



Senior Chris Lalios stretches for a low return during a match.

The tennis courts have long since been cleared and nearly three months have passed since the last pep rally was officially held there. The girls spent many grueling hours on these same courts practicing each day. This year's team was 6-7 overall. A few more victories could have been possible if not for some easier matches rained out.

The team was led by returning lettermen Tammy Argeropolos, Patty Dudak, and Chris Lalios. The problems and future of the team rested on their shoulders. Underclassmen Caroline Guip, Karen Mathis, and Karyn Palvas turned in many fine performances. With quality players as these three, the future for next year's team looks very bright. Liz Christoff, Peggy Abel, and Sue Long will provide the much needed experience for next year.

Awards were presented to: Tammy Argeropolos, most improved; Patty Dudak and Chris Lalios, MVP and best record; Caroline Guip, mental attitude award.

MHS	OPP
L	Crown Point
L	Calumet
W	Hammond Gavit
L	Munster
W	Wheeler
W	Lake Station
W	M.C. Rogers
L	LaPorte
L	Highland
L	Valparaiso
W	Portage
L	Chesterton
W	Hobart



Left: Patty Dudak calmly follows through a forehand shot. Above: Senior Tammy Argeropolos concentrates totally on the ball.



Front row: Patty Dudak, Sue Long, Tammy Argeropolos, Karyn Palvas, Chris Lallios, Peggy Abel, Dawn Darkins, Liz Christoff, Karen Mathis, Coach Ameling.



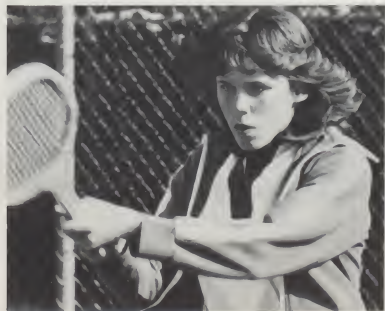
Liz Christoff displays the proper technique.



Above: Peggy Abel and Sue Long discuss their strategy for the doubles match. Below: Up and coming sophomore Karen Mathis fires a backhand shot.



Freshman sensation Caroline Guip, who was one of the main reasons for the team's positive attitude, looks the ball into the racket.



A Successful Season is Par for the Pirates

Spring means mild weather and a trip to the golf course after school for the guy's golf team. This year the Pirates realized another successful season under the guidance of varsity coach Max Hutchison and junior varsity coach Jim Vermillion.

The following awards were given to the players:

Best Mental Attitude—Mark Bublitz

Best Mental Attitude—Tim Short

Most Valuable—Dan Vidimos

Most Improved—Dave Hutchison

"M" Award—Gary Manis

"M" Award—Larry Tetzloff

"M" Award—Dave Hutchison

Varsity Cert.—Mark Bublitz

Varsity Cert.—Dave Janizek

Varsity Cert.—Tim Short

Varsity Cert.—Dan Vidimos

The varsity team finished 3rd in the sectional.



Varsity Team l-r: Mark Bublitz, Tim Short, Dave Hutchison, Coach Max Hutchison, Larry Tetzloff, Gary Manis, Dan Vidimos, Rudy Mihelic.

Opponent

L Highland	W Crown Point
L Griffith	W LaPorte
W Munster	W Andean
W Elkhart	W Boone Grove
W Valpo	L Valpo
W M.C. Elston	W Portage
W Portage	W Highland
L LaPorte	W LaPorte
W Chesterton	W Chesterton
L M.C. Rogers	



Steve Tsangaris takes a practice swing before teeing off.



JV player follows through on a long shot.



Senior Tim Short shows his enthusiasm as he sinks his putt.



Senior Dan Vidimos putts carefully as Coach Hutchison watches apprehensively.



Coach Hutchison shows team members how it is done!

Holy cow . . . what a season!

As Harry Caray would say, "Holy cow!" Indeed, it was a spectacular season for the 1981 varsity baseball team. By combining a mixture of talents, the Pirates compiled a 29-7 record for the season.

This year's team provided much excitement for the fans throughout the whole season. The powerful 1-2 punch of seniors Phil Maicher and Tim Vislosky combined for many runs. The steady bats of players like Jeff Hacker, Paul French, Mike Janovick, and Greg Kerulis came through with base hits when needed. The consistent pitching of Brad Jurasevich, Tim Vislosky, and Jay Zolcak supplied the team with the much needed ingredient to be a state contender.

The Pirates held on to the 6th spot in the state for most of the season. Three of the Pirate's losses were suffered at

the hands of top ranked LaPorte. In Sectional action the Pirates defeated both Gary Emerson and Lew Wallace and advanced to the Regionals. In the first game the Bucs ousted Lowell by the score of 4-3. In the championship game the Pirates pounded Hammond Morton 9-2. The team then traveled to South Bend for the Semi-state game. There the Pirates ended their long season with a 5-1 loss to LaPorte.

Players receiving the Iron Man award were: Roger Briggs, Sean Clapp, Paul French, Jeff Hacker, Joe Hein, Mike Janovick, Phil Maicher, Tim Vislosky, Steve Warren, Jay Zolcak. Tim Vislosky was also MVP, had the highest batting avg., and set a new school record with 12 home runs.



Junior Mike Janovick scoops up a grounder.



Coach Metcalf patiently awaits the start of the game.



Brad Jurasevich, one of Merrillville's top hurlers from the bullpen, prepares to unleash a fastball.



Upper left: Senior Tim Vislosky just misses getting his men out on a pick off throw to first base. Above: Junior Brad Jurasevich demonstrates his winning form.

Outfielder Steve Werren keeps an eye on the pitcher as he takes a sizeable lead off of first base.



Front row: Brad Jurasevich, Mike Jenovick. Second row: Sean Clapp, Jeff Hacker, Jay Zolcek, Roger Briggs, Tuen Townsend, Dale Miller, Myr. Garry Conn. Beck row: Coach Metcalf, Howard Smith, Paul French, Tim Vislosky, Steve Werren, Greg Kerulis, Joe Hein.

MHS	OPP
7	Hammond High 4
14	Hammond High 1
1	E.C. Washington 2
13	Lowell 0
16	Lowell 1
15	Andean 5
2	Andean 1
7	Celumet 6
7	Velpereiso 4
9	Portage 2
8	West Side 0
11	Chesterton 6
5	M.C. Rogers 1
10	Hobart 2
2	LePorte 10
7	Crown Point 3
12	Crown Point 3
2	Velpereiso 1
3	Portage 4
8	Gery Roosevelt 3
7	Chesterton 6
4	M.C. Rogers 10
9	Lew Wallace 3
9	Lew Wallace 0
13	Hobart 2
1	LePorte 2
0	Rensselaer 4
8	Griffith 1
17	Munster 2
8	Munster 0

Girls "Bat Up" New Image At M.H.S.

Throw away the designer jeans, tropical shirts, and high-heeled shoes. Put on the stretch pants, V-neck jerseys, and spiked shoes. These girls are ready to "PLAY BALL!"

To some, girls' softball was a completely unexpected addition to the sports world at M.H.S. Yet to others, this action-packed sport was what many girls were anxiously waiting for. Coach Joe Starkey replied on the popular new addition. "We are very happy with our performance as a first year sport. Though we are losing talented seniors, we have a good group of underclassmen returning. Next year, as the sport grows, we hope to expand our schedule and also include a tourney.

The varsity girls chalked up a 7-5-1 record. The spirited team played such Duneland Conference rivals as Portage and M.C. Rogers and tucked away two big wins toward the end of the season. The first was a defeat handed to M.C. Marquette by a score of 24-1. The second occurred at the last game against M.C. Rogers. The Raiders had to digest a 14-4 loss. The girls were anchored by senior co-captains Sherrie Matthews and Laura Berndt. Sherrie and Laura were also the team's most valuable players. In addition, these two girls had the highest batting average (.400), the most runs scored (16), and the most hits (16). Phyllis Victor received the best mental attitude award, and Becky Vertrees was the most improved player.

Next year, coaches and players are hoping for more Duneland Conference teams to appear on the schedule. The outlook for future high school softball teams is on the upswing. Lookout Babe and Reggie, the women are stealin' the show!



Varsity Softball Team—bottom row l-r: Diane Dimitri, Sandy Manis, Phyllis Victor, Becky Vertrees, Renae Eldred, Karen Huber. Row 2—Laura Berndt, Linda Scholtz, Patty McNally, Carol Lipke, Lise Gurgevich. Row 3—Andrea Berndt, Sherrie Matthews, Coach Starkey, Lisa Rusak, Debbie Oliver. Not pictured: Patty Spirovich, Vickie Vergin.



Sherrie Matthews turns to the umpire for a safe or out decision.



Linda Scholtz follows through her swing.



Girls Varsity Softball

MHS		OPP
16	T.F. North	6
3	Flossmore	3
1	T.F. South	7
7	Bloom Trail	3
5	Rich East	6
1	(Double Header)	3
7	Crete Monee	2
6	M.C. Rogers	12
7	Portage	10
24	M.C. Marquette	1
19	M.C. Marquette	5
4	Portage	3
14	M.C. Rogers	4

Girls J.V. Softball

MHS		OPP
19	T.F. North	0
15	T.F. South	4
2	Rich East	6
14	(Double Header)	2
20	Crete-Monee	11



Phyllis Victor eyes her target.

Junior Varsity Softball Team—bottom row l-r: Jackie Neff, Renee Franz, Sue Fryer, Cindy Saliek, Lisa Mack. Row 2—Laura LaMarca, Gigi Vergin, Judy Amaya, Leslie Lucas, Kathy Beckam. Row 3—Debbie Trzaska, Desiree Baehler, Coach Laura Gutowski, Carla Marson, Cheri Vermillion.

New Varsity Sport Kicks Its Way Into M.H.S.



Soccer Team—bottom row—I to r: Rob Stanborough, Jeff Swike, Louciano Garcia, Mike Pearson, Bob Bustos, Scott Beaman, Andy Jackson. Row 2—Ray Cucus, Mika Sakalaris, Simo Ceko, Chris Dimos, Andy Spaer, Mika Bianco. Row 3—Coach Furunass, Dan Adomovich, Rob Goad, Art Stafoski, Dominic Alavendoni, Branko Jovic, Milorad Pokrafac, Dominic Paskaa, Coach Mike Stojic.

Soccer Scores

MHS		OPP
2	East Chicago Washington	6
5	Hammond Tech	4
2	Hammond Gavit	0
3	Hammond High	1
5	Hammond Morton	1
3	Bishop Noll	0
3	Hammond Clark	2
4	Highland	1
0	Portage	6
4	Wirt	2
2	Munster	1
6	Andean	2

Speed, skill, and technique. That's what soccer players are made of. Soccer is a quick moving, physically demanding game. The soccer athlete is always on the move. He's got to be on his toes and ready to turn, block, or kick at any given moment.

This is the first year that soccer has been considered a varsity sport at Merrillville High. This year's soccer team had an extremely successful season by finishing with a 10-2 mark. This gave the Pirates a second place in Duneland Conference competition.

The team had many players that were indispensable. But one man who was the most valuable player was Ray Cucusz. Of course, there's always room for improvement as Branko Jovic proved this to be true. He was the Pirates' most

improved player. Not blocking at the right time, kicking the ball out-of-bounds, or missing an easy goal can have a negative effect on a player's mind. It can break all of the concentration that a player has. Andy Speer never let things like this affect his athletic abilities at soccer as he was the recipient of the best mental attitude award. All athletes, whether their sport is soccer or hockey or anything in between, like to be successful. They like to score as many points as possible. Art Stefoski decided that he was going to give it his all as he scored the most goals for the team.

Soccer is now an addition to the variety of sports that athletes at M.H.S. can choose from. It appears that soccer will soon be as familiar to high schools as football.



Simo Ceko grits his teeth as he tosses the ball back into the game.



Andy Jackson and Coach Furunass discuss the team's strategy.



Members of the team scramble into action for an offensive attack.

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Senior—more than just an ordinary word . . .

Just a word, but it symbolizes power and leadership; a class that students long await; the authority to be able to dictate orders; a feeling, a senior. This special word became the title for the class of 1981 in early September.

It was because of the leadership of the senior class that the spirit of Merrillville High was rekindled. It all began October 10, 1980, when sophomores, juniors, faculty, and the already rowdy seniors filled the gymnasium for Merrillville's "first" real pep session in a long time. The gym was decorated in purple and white and the walls were covered with signs. You somehow knew that this just wasn't going to be an ordinary pep session, and it wasn't! As the student body awaited anxiously for the activities to begin, confetti, toilet paper, and purple power towels filled the air. The excitement aroused each person spontaneously. As a result of this pep session, spirit was maintained throughout the school year at Merrillville High School.

Senior—the title that everyone long awaits . . .



CLASS OFFICERS: EARL CAPULI, MARY KINO, TOM HIGGINS, CHRIS LALIOS.

JACKIE ABRAMSON, French Club 10; Powder Puff 11, 12; DAVE ADAMS, Swimming 9, 10, 11; Band 9; LARRY ADAMS, Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Prom Court;



SUSAN ADAMS, Sunshine Society 12; KEVIN ADLER, Soccer 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9; RICK AESCHLIMAN, Band 9, 10, 11, 12;



KIM AKERS, Girls Tennis 9, 10; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; French Club 10; Thespians 10, 11; TOM ALLEN, Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Lettermen's Club 12; MARK AMAYA, Track 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12;



DARRYL ANDERSON, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9; TIM ANDREY, Student Council 9; BLANCHE ANGELOV;





TAMMY ARGEROPOLOS, Spanish Club 9; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 10, 11; **TONI ARTZ**, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12; Velleens 12; **BOB ASHLEY**, Football 9; Swimming 9; **JIM ASKREN**, Football 9, 10; Track 9; Baseball 9; **RICH AUSTIN**;

LAURA AYDELOTTE, Volleyball 10; Track 10; Powder Puff 11; **TERESA BADAR**, Student Council 9, 11; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; Sunshine Society 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Thespians 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; **JULIE BAN**, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; **NISBOVA** Awards, 9, 10, 11; American Legion Award 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Velleens 12; Girls State Alternate; **MICHELLE BARAN**, Tennis 9, 10, 11, MVP Award, 12; Powder Puff 10, 12; Volleyball 11; Yearbook 11, 12; **FHA** Member; **KEVIN BARCLAY**, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, Velleens, 10, 11, 12, Thespians 12, **NISBOVA** 9, 10, 11;

LORRIE BARKER, Choir 9, 10; Spanish Club 10; Powder Puff 10, 11; **DOUG BARNACK**, Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; **NANCY BARNES**, Science Club 10, 11; **CYNTHIA BASILE**; **CHRISTOPHER BECKER**;

DENNY BENNETT, Football 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 11; Track 9; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; Quill & Scroll Honor Society 11, 12; **LAURA BERNDT**, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10; Volleyball 11, 12; Powder Puff 10; **DOUG BEST**, National Honor Society 11, 12; **SHARON BIANCHI**, Cheerleading 9, 10, 11; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9, 12; Pep Club 9, 10; **NISBOVA** 9, 10, 11, 12; Sophomore Class Secretary; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 12; **LISA BLAIR**, Band 9; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Spanish National Honor Society 11, 12;

DARIN BOLVIN, Band 9, 10, 11, 12; **DEBBIE BOOKAS**; **KIRK BOONE**; **TAMMY BOWEN**; **JULIE BOWMAN**; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10; Basketball 10; Track 10, 11, M.V.P., Mental Attitude Award;

KATHY BOWMEN, Band 9, 10, 11; Spanish Club 10; **KEN BOYD**, Football 9; Track 9; **KEVIN BOYD**, Basketball 9; **JOHN BRADY**, Track 9, 10; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Velleens 11, 12; Thespians 11, 12; **KATHY BRESCH**, Choir 9; French Club 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12;

DANA BROOKS; CATHY BROWN, Powder Puff 10, 11; Spanish Club 10; **MICHAEL BROWN;** SCOTT BRUCE; LORA BRYANT, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9;



DAVE BRYNER, Choir 9; **MARK BUB-LITZ,** Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; Bend 9, 10, 11; German Club 10, 11; National Honor Society 12; **CINDY BUCH-FUEHRER,** Powder Puff 11, 12; Spanish Club 12; **JOHN BUKUR,** Track 9, 12; **BRUCE BUNNELL;**



JEFF BUOSCIO; TRACY BURDITT, Basketball 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 11, 12; **MELISSA BURELLI,** Student Council 9, 11; Yearbook 9, 10, 11, 12; Quill & Scroll 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Newspaper Staff 9; French Club 10; National Honor Society 11, 12; **DAN BURKE;** NANCY BURKHART, Student Council 9; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Prom Queen;



GINA CALDWELL, Student Council 9; Future Business Leaders of America 11; National Honor Society 11, 12; **TONY CAMMARATA,** Band 9, 10, 11, 12; **LAURIE CANCHOLA,** Track 9; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Thespians 11, 12; Velvetens 11; Vocalists 12; **NISBOVA** 11, 12; Spanish Club 10; **MELANIE CANDIANO,** Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 9; **CATHERINE CAO,** National Honor Society 11;



STAN CAPUA, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; **EARL CAPULI,** Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9; Student Council 9; American Legion Award 9; Spanish Club 10, 12; Class Treasurer 11, 12; National Honor Society 12; Society of Distinguished American High School Students;



JOHN CARNIELLO, Baseball 9; **CHERYL CARR,** Powder Puff 10, 11, 12;



Guys Catch the spirit

What was different on the sidelines at the Varsity basketball games this year? Everything was the same, except for eight new additions to the cheerleading squad. These cheerleaders weren't clad in the traditional pleated skirts and sweaters that the cheerleaders usually wear. Instead, they had white painter pants and purple and white tops on. The reason? Merrillville High School had its first set of male cheerleaders since 1964. These seniors were really serious about cheerleading and helped put pride and spirit back in MHS. They practiced long and hard and made some pretty impressive mounts with the girl cheerleaders. Guy cheerleaders are now a popular part of many high schools in the area and hopefully Merrillville High School will have a fun set of them next year, too!

John O'Connor, Ed Dixon, John Riddle, Dave Janizek, John Feczko, Bob Jensen, and Denny Bennett take a rest after an exhilarating first half.



LAURA CARSTENSEN, Choir 9; Powder Puff 12; **DONNA CARTER**; **MIKE CATENAZZO**, Band 9, 10;

TERRY CHADD, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; **KAREN CHANDLER**, Pep Club 9; **NISBOVA** 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Vocalists 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Pom Pons 11, 12; Student Council 10, 11, 12; Student Council President 12; Yearbook 12; **RENE CHARBONNEAU**, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 10; Pom Pons 12; National Honor Society 12; Student Council 12;

JENNIFER CHIABAI, French Club 10; Student Council 10, 11; Powder Puff 11, 12; **GEORGE CHRIST**, Wrestling 9; Football 9; **NANCY CHRISTOFF**;

KATHY CHRISTOPHER, National Honor Society 11; Quill & Scroll; **STEVE CIERNIAK**, Football 9; Track 9, 10; **STEPHANIE CIESIELSKI**, French Club 10, 11, 12; Band 9; Quill & Scroll 11, 12; Swimming 11, 12;

SEAN CLAPP, Football 9, 10; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Secretary National Honor Society 12; **CONSTANTINE COLAROS**, Band 9, 10, 11; **CINDY CONE**, Powder Puff 10; French Club 10; Pom Pons 11, 12; Student Council 12;

NANCY COOK, Spanish Club 10; **KIM COOLEY**, Golf Team 11, 12; **JOYCE COREY**, National Honor Society 11, 12; Future Homemakers of America

CHRIS COSTAKIS; TERRY COSTNER; MICHELE COURTNEY;

CATHY CRANDALL, Choir 9; MICHAEL DANIEL, Swimming 10, 11, 12; German Club 11, 12; Honor Society 12; American Legion Citizenship Award 9; KELLY DARNELL, Track 10, Choir 10, 11;

DIANE DAVIS, Choir 9; Track 9, Volleyball 9, Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club Secretary 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Tennis 12; CHRIS DE LUCENAY, Cross Country 9; TAMMY DEMO;

BRIAN DENTA; LEROY DEWAR; CHRISTINE DICKSON;

DEBBIE DILLMAN, Band 9; SANDY DILLON; JOHN DIMOS, Band 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11, 12; Student Council 11, 12; Football 9; Wrestling 9;

DENISE DIXON, Swimming 9; Band 9, 10; Spanish Club 11; EDWARD DIXON, Football 9, 10, 11, 12; FELICIA DIXON, Track 9, 10, Powder Puff 10, 12; Student Council 11; French Club 10, French Club Secretary 11;



Leafing hits Merrillville

What do you do with all those leaves in your front lawn? It's a lot of work raking up all those mountains of leaves that fall off your trees and it's a waste just to burn them or throw them away, so many Merrillville students have found a way to put all those leaves to use. Go leafing! Leafing became very popular this past Fall and has seemed to have replaced tee-peeing altogether, although some unlucky houses had unfortunately gotten both.

What does one need to go leafing? Of course, leaves are first on the list. If a satisfactory job is to be done, at least forty bags should be used. But that certainly isn't the limit. Next, gather up a lot of friends who want to have some fun, pile them all into a large car or truck and you are on your way.

For all of us who got leafed this past year, we'd like to thank the following seniors for doing our houses: Ed Dixon, Jerry Mendoza, Mike Souronis, Tim Wolf, Bob Orosz, Carl Wiggand, Mike McGhan, Andy Manis, Gordon Sunny, Greg Macky, and anyone else who was involved.

Just remember, it was fun leafing some unsuspecting person's house, but it wasn't any fun getting leafed!

Melissa Burelli's house the morning after.



MIKE DJURICH, JR., Track 9; Newspaper 11, 12; Photographer 9, 11; Head Photographer 12; **LINDA DOLCH**; **MARIE DOMONKOS**, Spanish Club 11; Girls Glee Club 12; **JEFF DORNBURG**, Football 9, 10, 11; Basketball 9; Band 9; Spanish Club 10, 11; **DAPHNE DUCK**, Cheerleading 9; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Pom Pons 12; Student Council 10; German Club 10; Thespians 10;

MARY DUDAK, Powder Puff 10, 11; Pom Pons 11, 12; Student Council 12; **PATRICIA DUDAK**, Cheerleading 9; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Student Council 12; National Honor Society 12; **MELISSA DZYACKY**, National Honor Society 11, 12; President of French Club 12; **TROY EDWARDS**; **LAURA EICH**, Choir 9, 11, 12; Orchestra 9, 10, 11, 12; Sunshine Society 10, 11, 12; German 10; Thespians 11, 12; Velvetines 12; National Honor Society 11, 12;

DEBBIE ELSNER; **DONNA ENGEL**, Track 9, 10; Gymnastics 9, 10, 11; Choir 9, 11, 12; Cheerleading 11, 12; Pom Pons 10; Prom Court; Homecoming Court; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 11, 12; **AMY ENGLE-BRIGHT**, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; German Club 10; Thespians 10, 11, 12; President of Thespians 12; Velvetines 11; Vocalteens 12; Future Teachers of America 12; **SARAH EYRICH**, **MARJIE FABRICI**, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 10; Vocalteens 11, 12; Thespians 12; National Honor Society;

NANCY FARGO, Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Flag Corps 11, 12; Co-captain of Flag Corps 12; Sunshine Society 11, 12; Future Homemakers of America 11, 12; President 12; **JOHN FECZKO**, Basketball 9, German Club 10, Science Club 11; Track 11, 12; **DARLA FEMIAK**; **LISA FENECK**, Track 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11; Powder Puff 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; **MARK FIACABLE**, Football 9, 10;



High School Memories:

Well seniors—this is it. This is your last year at Merrillville High School. How does it feel? This will be your final year as a class together. You will always remember some of those high school memories, some of those special people and special friends. Even those teachers that helped you when the times got tough. Remembering . . . after high school many of those once seniors will be off on the road to success, looking for a future. You will often picture those familiar faces and wonder when you will see them again. Finally, you will be off on your own, on the road of many adventures—Always wondering which way to turn.

—Best of Luck—

Senior Cindy Cone and Sherri Minton are ready to perform during hell-time

TONY FIGUEROA, Swimming 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; THOMAS FISHER; KELLY FISTUSIS;



STACIE FLYNN, Bend 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 10; Powder Puff 10, 11; MARLA FODOR, Cheerleading 10; Powder Puff 12; JONI FORBES;



KAY FOTINAS; DAVID FRANK; BECKY FOSSEY;





DONALD FREEMAN; CHARLES FREST; JILL FRYER, Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10; National Honor Society 11; **STEVE FUGATE; VALERIE GALLO**, Lew Wallace High School 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 12;



BILL GALLO, Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; MVP award 11; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; **THEOFILOS GALOOZIS; JOHN GARDEN; AURORA GARZA**, Track 9; Choir 9, 11, 12; Velvetens 11, 12; Thespians 11, 12; Girl's Glee 10; Spanish Club 10; **LUCIANO GARZA**, Soccer 11, 12;



TIM GAVELEK, Football 9, 10; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9; **TONY GAWRYSIAK**, Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Band President 12; Newspaper 11; German Club 12; **RICH GEEZE; LAURA GILL**, French Club 11, Sunshine Society 12; Softball 12; **TOM GILL**, Chess Club 9;



KIM GILTZ, Spanish Club 11; Powder Puff 12; **MICHELLE GLATT**, Gymnastics 9, 10; Cheerleading 10, 11; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 12; Student Council 11; **KATHI GONZALEZ**;



SCOTT GOODWIN, Band 9, 10; **LISA GORGAS; JUDY GRABEK**, Cheerleading 9; Choir 9; Powder Puff 11, 12;



DEBBIE GREEN, Track 9; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; **CHIP GROFF; CAROLYN GROSE**, Golf Team 9, 10, 11, 12; Thespians 11; Student Council Vice-President 12; Velvetens 11;



COLETTE GUIP; MERRY GULLIVER;
TOM GULOTTA, Basketball 9, 10, 11;
Football 9; Track 9; **LISA GURGE-
VICH**, Cheerleading 9, 10; Student
Council 9, 10; Track 9; Pep Club 9;
Class Treasurer 10; Powder Puff 10,
11, 12; Prom Court 11; Homecoming
Court 12; **RICH GUTJAHR**;



JEFF HACKER, Football 9, 10, 11, 12;
Basketball 9; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12;
TANIA HALLAM, NISBOVA 9, 10, 11,
12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Sophomore
Play 10; Review 10; Velvetens 11;
ISBOVA 11, 12; Vocalteens 12; Pom
Pons 12; Powder Puff 12; **KEN HAN-
COCK**, Cross Country 9, Baseball 9,
10; American Legion Award 9; National
Honor Society 11, 12; **LAURA
HANSBURY**, Student Council 9. Pow-
der Puff 10, 11; **KURT HARMAN**;



JANIE HARPER, Track 9, 10, 11, 12;
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10,
11, 12; **SHAWN HAPER**; **CHERYL
HARRISON**; **LISA HART**; **JENNIFER
HASTINGS**, Powder Puff 11, 12;



BOB HATCH, Football 9, 10; Track
10; **DAVE HEISER**, National Honor So-
ciety 11, 12; **BARB HELWIG**, Choir 9,
10, 11; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Track
9, 10, 11; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12;
Basketball 10; National Honor Society
11, 12; **MARK HENRY**; **LISA HIGGINS**;



What's In A Name

What's in a name you ask. If you think nothing, think again, and look at the person that is walking in front of you. If he or she is like the majority of the people, then he or she will have someone's name across the back of his pants or on his shirt. And more than likely it won't be their own.

Why, you ask people so set on wearing designer brand clothing? The designer craze started last year with Gloria Vanderbilt and Calvin Klein jeans and clothing styles monopolizing the fashion market. Everywhere, people of all ages, sizes, and sex could be seen with these names on their bodies. Soon the rest of the fashion world caught on and new names such as Bill Blass, Jordache, Yves St. Laurent, and Sasson started popping up all over.

Not only did designer shirts and jeans gain popularity, but also anything else that people would buy with a name on it. Things such as underwear, socks, perfume, make-up, and, believe it or not, even blue-jean Calvin Klein diapers are being manufactured!

People who buy these fashions have turned them into a status symbol. The idea seems to be that anybody who's "anyone" should own a pair of designer jeans. Designer clothing has become so acceptable in our society that if you went someplace somewhat fancy and you had on a nice blazer and a pair of designer jeans, no one would give it a second thought; whereas, if you didn't have formal attire on a few years ago you would surely have been an outcast.

Will this name craze last forever? Will the plainspoken jeans ever come back? Who knows with the constantly changing styles what will be popular next year.

Already this year the "preppy" look has taken a strong hold in the fashion world along with "army" styles and just plain old college t-shirts.



TOM HIGGINS, Football 9; Wrestling 9; French Club 11, 12; Senior Class President; National Honor Society 11, 12; **CHARLA HINES**, Powder Puff 12; **DAVE HINKEL**;

SHARI HOEKSTRA; **NANCY HOLDERMAN**, NISBOVA 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9, 10; Vocalteens 11, 12; Thespians 11, 12; Sunshine Society 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Speech & Debate Club 12; **JOHN HOLLAND**;

LESLIE HOUCHIN, Band 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11, 12; Future Homemakers of America 12; **DAWN HOWE**, Tennis 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; Future Teachers of America 12; **KATHY HUBER**, Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9; American Legion Award 9; National Honor Society 11, 12; Softball 12;

ANDREA HUDOCK, Choir 9; Yearbook 9; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; **KELLY HURLBURT**, Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Pom Pons 11, 12; Pep Club 12; M Club 12; **DIRK HUTCHISON**, Football 9, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; American Legion Award 9; German Club 10; National Honor Society 11, 12; Swimming 12; M Club 12;

GREG HUTSON; **DIANE IANNESSI**, Yearbook 9, 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12; **FORREST ILLES**, Wrestling 9, 10; Football 9;

DON IPPALITA; **JEFF IRONS**, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer 10; Thespians 10; Yearbook 12; **JODY IRWIN**;

JAMES JACKSON, Soccer 10, 11, 12; Band 10; **JEFF JAMOROZ**, Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf 9, 10, 12; Wrestling 11; **TAMMY JANDURA**; **DAVE JANIZEK**, Valedictorian, Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; **KIM JANKOWSKI**;



VERONICA JANKOWSKI, Spanish Club 10; **DOUG JATCZAK**, Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Swimming 9, 10; Ski Club 11, 12; **ROBERT JENSEN**, 9, 10, Track 9; Yearbook 11, 12; Spanish Club 12; **NICK JIMENEZ**; **JAKIE JOHNSON**, Prom Court;



MARGRET JOHNSON, Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Flags 11, Diving 11, 12; **TIM JOHNSON**, Football 9; Baseball 9, 10; Soccer 9, 10;



LINDA JOHNSTON, Valedictorian; National Honor Society 12; **BRUCE JONES**, Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12;



ED JONES, Football 9; **SANDY JONUSAS**, Choir 9; Track 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12;



GINA JULOSKI, National Honor Society 12; **DOUG JURASEVICH**, Baseball 9, 10, 11;





DEBBIE KACMAR; ED KALLAS;
RHONDA KALUE;

MARIA KAMBOURIS; JIM KARAGAS;
JIM KARAS;

Spring break

'81

What did many Merrillville students do over this past year's spring vacation? Those who stayed at home took advantage of sleeping in late. A few days of eighty degree weather gave many the opportunity to catch a few rays of sun. At night, parties of all kinds were thrown. These included parties at Stoney Run County Park, the Y & W Drive-in, the beach, and also the many that were held at several people's houses.

Those who missed vacation activities back here in Merrillville were probably on vacation somewhere else. Tropical spots such as California, Texas, and the most popular, Florida, were sights of endless beaches filled with people basking in the hot sun. Many Merrillville seniors who vacationed in Florida did other things besides laying out. They also went sight seeing during the day and dancing and partying every evening. When these golden brown vacationers came back to exciting Merrillville, Indiana, they made everyone else look like ghosts! Spring break '81 was fun for everyone, regardless of where he or she spent it.

Rick Rhodes, Mary Dudak, Kathy Szmagaj, Kathleen Tournai, and Jennifer Chiabai enjoy the Florida sun while relaxing on Clearwater Beach.



SCOTT KASTNER, Baseball 9; Basketball 9; Golf 12; **FRANK KATRIS**, Football 9, Track 9; Newspaper 11, 12; Quill & Scroll 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; **MARY KINO**, Choir 9; Student Council 9, 10; **NISBOVA** 9; American Legion Award 9; French Club 10, 11, 12; French Club Vice-President 11; Treasurer 12; Senior Class Vice-President 12; National Honor Society 12; Vice-President National Honor Society 12;

LISA KALAZURA; **MARK KLEIN**, Football 9, 10; Track 9; **RICK KNOPF**;

LINDA KOELLING; **DENISE KOTTARIDIS**, Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11; **GREG KOUVELAS**, Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; National Honor Society 12;

STEVE KRESIK, Football 9; **GARY KRIADIS**; **LAZO KRSTEVSKI**, Lew Wallace 9, 10, 11; Basketball 12; National Honor Society 12;

MICHELLE KRUTZ; **DAVE KUNOVSKI**, Basketball 9, 10; Baseball 9; Football 12; Track 12; **SONIA KUNOVSKI**;

STEVE KUNOVSKI; **LINDA KURTH**, Cheerleading 9; **MARIA KYRES**, Choir 9; Yearbook 9; Student Council 10; French Club 10, 11, 12; Treasurer French Club 11; Debating Team 12; National Honor Society 11, 12;



Government and Econ— Grin and bear it

Senior year—fun filled, easiest classes, early dismissal. It all sounds like a lot of fun. After all, it's the year that you've been working so hard for and waiting so long for. You've been planning for the year for such a long time. You'll either take early dismissal all year or graduate mid-term. Your course selection won't include any classes that are harder than Kiddie Literature. So in other words, you're planning on sliding through the year until that glorious day of FREEDOM, otherwise known as commencement.

When you walk into the counselors' office and you discuss this great plan, something completely unexpected is going to pop up and hit you in the face, something that just can't fit into your divine plan. Your counselor will break it to you slowly; either you're going to have to go to school all day or drop Kiddie Literature! You've left out those two required courses; Government and Economics! Sorry to burst your bubble, but it's true. You can't graduate until you passed not one but both of these classes. And to confuse you even more, you even have to make the choice between Consumer and Theory Economics. What a drag. But heh, what are you going to do? You've just got to grin and bear it and hope that you can keep your eyes open in these exciting classes.

Scott Kastner shows definite interest in Econ class while doing his Geometry.



CINDY LACH; JANET LAGENOCK, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Student Council 10; Pep Club 12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12.



CHRISTINE LALIOS, Cheerleading 9; Tennis 10, 11, 12; Junior Class Secretary; Senior Class Secretary; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9; Choir 9; National Honor Society 11, 12, **RON LAMB;**



VAL LANDERS, LINDA LANE;



DENISE LARSEN; LISA LEMSTER;



LAURIE LENNON; VALERIE LENTINI, Lew Wallace 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 12; **VIKKY LEONARD,** Band 9, 10, 11, 12; German Club 12; **SANDI LEONE,** Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Track 10, 11; **LISA LEWAN,** Swimming 9, 10, 11; yearbook 9; Student Council Treasurer 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; Powder Puff 12;



LARRY LEWANDOWSKI, Thespians 10, 11, 12; Vocalteens 12; Choir 11, 12; **MARK LIPTON,** Golf 10, 11, 12; Student Council 10; German Club 10, 11, 12; President German Club 11, 12; National Honor Society 12; **LINDA LISEK,** Powder Puff 11, 12; **TIM LLOYD,** Ski Club 12; Spanish Club 12; **DAWN LODA,** Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Thespians 10, 12; Powder Puff 12;

That special weekend

After an enchanted evening of dancing and romancing, not to mention wining and dining, many Merrillville High School seniors made their prom weekend complete by going to someplace special the day after prom. Weeks of planning went into making these two days as memorable as possible. Unfortunately, it went by all too quickly for almost everyone. Many found it hard to get everything ready the next morning after having little or no sleep at all. Packed in the trunks of cars were coolers filled with assorted beverages, large baskets packed for a picnic lunch, blankets, frizbees, baseballs and bats, footballs, and anything else that would come in handy to make this day more enjoyable.

Popular spots to go the day after prom would include such parks as Turkey Run State Park, Starved Rock State Park in Illinois, and the Dunes National Lakeshore. Some seniors spent the day in the big city of Chicago, sightseeing and going to all the interesting places that the windy city has to offer. Others went to Marriott's Great America, which offers thrilling rides and quaint souvenir shops. Being a senior means knowing how to have a great time and every senior had a blast wherever he went during that special weekend.

SANDY LEONE, DAVE FRANK, MIKE DJURICH, JR., AND ANGIE WINTER ENJOY THEIR PICNIC AT GREAT AMERICA.

YVONNE LOPEZ; DIANNE LORENZO, Swimming 10, 11; Powder Puff 12; LISA LUCAS, Choir 9; Volleyball 10, 11;



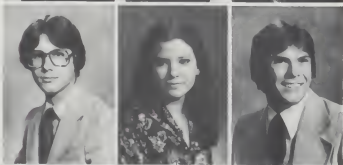
CARMEN LUNA, Powder Puff 10, 12; Yearbook 11, 12; Spanish Club 10; ERIC LUNS福德, Football 9, 10; KIM MACHIA



JAMIE MACK, Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; KAREN MACHANOS, Cheerleading 9; Band 9; Powder Puff 10; Thespians 12; Newspaper Staff 12; Student Council 10; French Club 10, 12; Spanish Club 11; Yearbook 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; GREG MACKEY, Track 9, 11; Choir 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12



JEFF MACKULAK; KATHY MADERA; PHIL MAICHER, Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Class Vice-President 10; Prom King



KATHY MAJOR, Track 9; Powder Puff 10, 11; Spanish Club 10; MIKE MALENOCK, Swimming 9; Yearbook 9; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club Vice-President 12; Vocalleens 10, 11, 12; NISBOVA 9, 10, 11; National Honor Society 11, 12; ROB MALONEY, Baseball 9, 10



RUDY MANCE; JIM MANGIONE; ANDY MANIS, Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Co-Captain Basketball 9, 10, 11; Baseball 9; Track 9





BILIANA MANIVILOVSKI, French Club 10, 11, 12; President, French Club 11; National Honor Society 11, 12; **JANE MARTIN**; **DAWN MARTINEZ**; **FABIAN MARTINEZ**, Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10; Track 9, 10; Soccer 11, 12; Spanish Club 12; **JOE MARTINEZ**

DAWN MARYONOVICH, Choir 9, 10; **SCOTT MATHEWS**, Football 9, 10; Wrestling 11; **LORI MATHIS**; **TIM MATHIS**, Football 9, 10; Basketball 9; Yearbook 12; **SHERRIE MATTHEWS**, Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Tennis 9; Softball 12

ANTHONY MAYER; **NEIL McANALLY**, Tennis 9, 10, 11; Chess Club 10; Debate Team 11; **CATHY McCORMICK**; **KEVIN McDONALD**; **MIKE McGHAN**

DAN McGREGOR; **BRIAN McGUIRE**, Basketball 9; Football 9; **GEORGE McHENRY**; **KELLY McLAUGHLIN**, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; **MIKE McNALLY**

PEGGY McNARY, 9, 10, 11, 12; **ANDREW MEDANICH**; **GERRY MENDOZA**; **PHIL MESARCH**



TOM METCALF, Football 9; Student Council Treasurer 9; **SHARON METROS**, Cheerleading 10, 11, 12; Student Council 10, 11, 12; Choir 10, 11; Velveteens 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; **PAUL METTIN**; **DAN MICKKEY**, Yearbook 9; **GINGER MIKOLICS**, Powder Puff 12



MARGIE MILAKOVICH, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 11; **JULIE MILTEER**, Spanish Club 10; **SHERRI MINTON**, Powder Puff 11, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12; Student Council 12; Pom Pons 12; **JERRY MISKUF**; **JEFF MOORE**, Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10; Soccer 9, 10; Yearbook 12



LORI MOORE; **ROBERT MOORE**; **KRISTIN MROZ**; **MARK MUMMEY**, Football 9, 10; **MIKE MURPHY**



LORI MYATOVICH



SHAYNE MYERS



ED NADOLSKI





STEVE NEALON, Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12;
LISA NIXON, Spanish Club 10, 11, 12;
PETE NOMMENSEN, Football 9



LORI NORRIS; **NANCY NOVOTNY**,
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Choir 9; Student
Council 9; **MELANIE NOWAK**, Future
Homemakers of America 10



MARYBETH O'BRIAN, Track 9; **JOHN
O'CONNOR**, Basketball 9; Football 9,
10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10; **VALERIE OL-
IVER**, Yearbook 9; National Honor So-
ciety 11, 12; Spanish Club 12



PAT OLOVICH; **BOB OROZ**, Football
9, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12



SUSAN OROSZ; **CRAIG ORTEN**,
Football 9, 10



TRACY OTTERBACHER, Choir 9, 10,
Vocalists 11, 12; **NISBOVA** 9, 10,
11, 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12; Sun-
shine Society 10, 11, 12; Future
Teachers of America 12; **GINGER
PALMER**;

Busted!

It's a Saturday afternoon, and you and a group of friends have decided to go out and get rowdy. This Saturday was planned out just for you and your buddies, which means all your girlfriends were left at home.

Going down state to such colleges as Purdue, Ball State, and especially Indiana, will make the trip exciting. Activities on the way down will include jamming to the radio, mooning various vehicles, and just plain partying, not to mention waving at truck drivers.

If, by chance, you happen to be the unfortunate victim of the Indiana State Police, don't expect too much courtesy from them. It doesn't matter what you've done to be pulled over, because whatever you have done, it will be treated like you've committed a federal offense! Just hope that when you make your one phone call to your parents, they'll be understanding. After all, you're a senior!

The Indiana State Police finally catch up with the notorious Denny Bennett.



DAWN PANNING; ANTHONY PARINI;
KEITH PATTERSON; TIM PATZ,
 Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9,
 10; Baseball 9, 10



JOE PAWLAK, Football 9, 10, 11, 12;
 Wrestling 9; Student Council 9;
MARCY PEFLEY, Choir 9; Student
 Council 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; **JIM**
PESCHKE



JEFF PETERS, Track 9, 10; Football
 9, 10; Swimming 10, 11, 12; Spanish
 Club 12

LISA PHEANIS; SUE PHILLIPS;
SHARON PIENTA, Choir 9; **GREG**
PITTMAN





THEODORA POPONAS, National Honor Society 11, 12; **JULIE PORTER**, Choir 9; Student Council 10; **GARY POSS**



DENNIS POTURALSKI; **JACK POVLOCK**; **TED POXON**



GEORGE PRIMICH, Football 9, 10; Baseball 10; **SUE RACHFORD**; **DON RAEHL**



DEAN REGON; **SHERRY RALPH**, Band 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Student Council 10; **TONY RAMON**, Swimming 10



ANDY RAMUSCAK; **STEVE RATAJEC**, Football 9; **BRUCE RAYSON**



SHERRYL REDER; **SCOTT REEVES**; **ELIZABETH REGAN**, French Club 9; National Honor Society 11; Chess Club 10, 11

Monday

Morning Blues

It's 7:50, school has just begun, and you're late again! It's Monday; what do you expect? You have the typical case of the Monday Morning Blues.

You had a pretty busy weekend and you're not ready for the week to begin again. What kind of excuse shall you use for being late—flat tire, car wouldn't start, jammed locker? These are some typical excuses Merrillville High School students use.

Monday must be the worst day of the week. Every Monday you can usually expect crabby teachers, tired students, and tons of homework.

Teachers usually pull pop quizzes on Mondays because they know that no one has done his homework on the weekends.

Mondays probably seem bad because you have to go through a whole week before Friday, and the weekend seems so far away!

While sitting in class on a Monday morning, you're anxious for the weekend to arrive. Anticipating Fridays and all the planning you've done, you look forward to parties, dates, friends, drive-in movies and college campus visits.

Finally, the week goes by. Time for your great weekend to start. As soon as you start to get rowdie, it's already Sunday night and back to the books for another week ahead.

If only there were a day between Sunday and Monday!

What will you do now?

This question goes through every senior's mind. Along with graduating comes the worries of preparing for college or finding a job. "Will I ever get this application finished?" "Will I get accepted at this college?" or "Will I get hired for this job?" These are just some of the questions that float through many senior's minds. Some students have their future already planned for them, while others are still thinking how they want to spend the rest of their lives.

Being out of high school for good gives seniors the feeling of adulthood and leadership. They aren't considered children anymore. They will now have many responsibilities to uphold and achieve.

These seniors will always carry with them the memories of their thirteen years of schooling, the friends they've spent times with and told their many secrets to, and the teachers they've liked and disliked. They will always remember and look back on those times as they carry on their future.

Seniors inspect their tassel and cap and gown after receiving it before graduation.

DON REIBLY; PATTI REIMER; BRYAN REINHART, Choir 9, 10; **Thespians** 10, 11, 12; **Vocalteens** 10, 11, 12



RICK RHODES, Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; **Football** 9, 10; **Student Council** 12; **Spanish Club** 12; **DANA RICE; DAVE RICHARDS**, Basketball 9; **Football** 9, 10, 11, 12; **Wrestling** 10, 11; **Choir** 9, 10, 11, 12



JIM RICHMOND, Football 9; **JOHN RIDDLE**, Football 9, 10; **Basketball** 9; **Baseball** 9, 10, 12; **German Club** 10; **LAURA RING**, Spanish Club 10; **Powder Puff** 10, 12





SANDY ROBERSON; **DAVE ROBINSON**, Band 9, 10, 11, 12; **Thespians** 10, 11, 12; **German Club** 10, 11, 12; **Treasurer** 11, 12; **Student Council** 10; **National Honor Society** 11, 12; **DOUG ROBINSON**, Band 9, 10, 11, 12; **Thespians** 10, 11, 12; **NISBOVA** 9, 11; **German Club** 10, 11, 12; **Vice-President** 11, 12; **Student Council** 10; **FRANK ROBINSON**; **JAY ROBISON**, **Football** 9; **Swimming** 9, 10; **Diving** 11, 12

SABRINA RODRIGUEZ, **Student Council** 9; **Powder Puff** 12; **CHARLES RUMBUT**; **MITCH RUTHKAY**, **Football** 9; **Diving** 11; **GABINO SAAVEDRA**; **HELEN SABO**

MARK SALAPSKI; **TONY SALCEDO**, **Cross Country** 9, 10, 11, 12; **Track** 9, 10; **Swimming** 9; **MAY SARANTIS**, **French Club** 11, 12; **National Honor Society** 11, 12; **Powder Puff** 11; **LORI SATKA**; **MARIA SATTLER**, **Powder Puff** 12

TONY SCHMIDT; **SHARON SHOON**, **Choir** 9, 10, 11, 12; **Student Council** 9, 10; **Powder Puff** 12; **MIKE SCHREINER**; **RIC SCHUSTER**, **Choir** 9, 10, 11, 12; **Vocalists** 10, 11, 12; **Thespians** 10, 11, 12; **NISBOVA** 9, 10, 11, 12; **GWEN SCOTT**, **Spanish Club** 10; **National Honor Society** 12

TERESA SCOTT, **Future Homemakers of America**, **Secretary** 11, 12; **CECILE SEBASTIAN**, **Spanish Club** 12; **SCOTT SEITZINGER**; **HELEN SHARPE**, **Choir** 9, 10; **DAWN SHERCK**

ROSEMARIE SHOOTER, **Swimming** 9, 10, 11, 12; **Co-Captain** 11; **National Honor Society** 12; **TIM SHORT**, **Football** 9; **Basketball** 9, 10; **Golf** 9, 10, 11, 12; **National Honor Society** 11; **ALLAN SIERKOWSKI**, **Band** 9, 10, 11, 12; **Track** 9; **Thespians** 10, 11, 12; **Vice-President** 12; **ZORINE SIMIC**, **Choir** 9, 10, 11, 12; **French Club** 10, 11; **Velvettes** 11, 12; **TOM SLIWA**, **Chess Club** 9

DEBBIE SMITH; PAUL SMITH, Thespians 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; French Club 11; **RORY SMITH**, Football 9, 10; Basketball 9; **TOM SMITH**, Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; **DEANNE SMOLNICKY**



KARRIE SNEIDERWINE; DON SNEMIS, Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11; Spanish Club 11, 12; President 12; National Honor Society 12; **DAVE SOKOL; JOE SOLICH**, Swimming 9; Football 9; **BARB SOLIVAIS**



MIKE SOURONIS, Football 9; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 10, 11; **DIANE SOVLJANSKI**, Newspaper 9; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; **CINDY SOWLES; VICKI SPAK**, Powder Puff 11, 12; **JULIE SPANGLER**



ANDY SPEER; CATHY SPICER; PATTY SPIROVICH, Cheerleading 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Pom Pons 11, 12; **CRAIG SPRINGMAN**, Football 9; **RICHARD SPURR**, Wrestling 9



ROB STANBOROUGH, Soccer 10, 11, 12; **DAVE STARKO**; **ABBY STAUFFER; LOUIE STEFANO-VIC**, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer 10; **ORCE STEFOSKI**



SHEILA STEININGER; STEVE STEININGER, Football 9; **DAN STOJANOVSKI**, National Honor Society 11; **JIM STONE; LORA STURTRIDGE**, Choir 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Basketball 11, 12



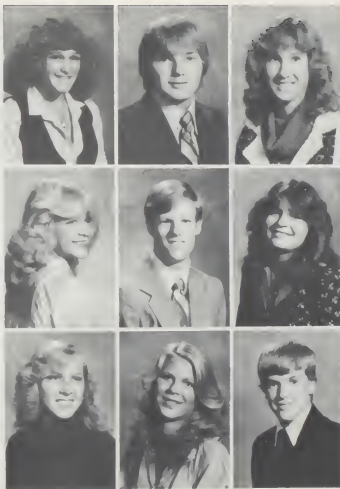
Senior Dance

Boogie, oogie, get down—A popular pastime, the dance. Whether students preferred disco, hard rock, or soft rock, there was something that appealed to their tastes at one time or another.

On Saturday, May 16, the Merrillville High School Senior Class officers sponsored a dance for all seniors of the class of '81. The sound system of L & L Mobil Disco was the source of music at the senior dance. Refreshments were provided for everyone.

Since this was the last opportunity to attend a social high school function, many seniors took advantage of this chance to talk with friends, dance, and just have a good old time. All of these seniors enjoyed this dance since this would be the final school function together as the class of '81.

JOHN O'CONNER AND DONNA ENGEL dance to the music at the Senior Dance.



WENDY SUM, Golf 9, 10, 11; Spanish Club 10, 11; National Honor Society 11, 12; GORDON SUNNY, Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9; Track 9, 10; National Honor Society 12; SHARI SUZICH, Band 9, 10, 11; Flags 11

SANDY SWANSON, Cheerleading 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Pom Poms 11; JEFF SWIKE, Track 9; Band 9; Newspaper 12; DARLENE SKLARSKI, Choir 9, 10; Volleyball 9; Powder Puff 10, 12

KATHY SZMAGAJ, Track 9; Pom Poms 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; CATHY SZOCKA, Powder Puff 12; Future Homemakers of America; CHARLES TALLY, Chess Team 9;



ANITA TANTS; TINA TEETS



RANDY TIFFANY; DESA TISMA,
Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff
10; National Honor Society 12



CATHY TKACH; JENNIFER TOBY,
Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Thespians 11; Vo-
calteens 12



MARY LYNN TOMBERS, Golf 9, 10,
11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Track
9, 10, 11, 12; TERRI TOMMASI, Bas-
ketball 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12;
Spanish Club 11, 12; TONI TOMMASI,
Basketball 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12;
Spanish Club 12; DONNA TOMONDI,
Tennis 10, 11; JUL TONETSKI



DORIS TORRES; KATHLEEN TOUR-
NAI, Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 10;
Golf 11, 12; TUAN TOWNSEND,
Baseball 9, 10; Golf 11, 12; BARB
TRESKOVICH, Choir 9; Powder Puff
12; JON TRUCHAN



CINDY TURNER; TAMMY TURNER;
CAROL URBAN, Powder Puff 11, 12;
LORI URYCKI, Choir 9; JOHN UTPA-
TEL





GREG VAJNER; CONNIE VALDES, Photography Club 9; Choir 11, 12; Future Homemakers of America 12; KAREN VALENCIA, Powder Puff 11, 12



KATHY VALENCIA, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; ED VARGAS; TOULA VASOS, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12



VICKIE VERGIN, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 11, 12; Powder Puff 10; Softball 12; KIM VICKROY, Band 9, 10; Cheerleading 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; PHYLLIS VICTOR, Basketball 10, 11, 12; Softball 12



DAN VIDIMOS, Golf 10, 11; Swimming 10, 11, 12; DAVID VIRGO; TIM VISLOSKY, Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12



JAMES VOLK; JASMINA VRANISKOSKI; PAM WADE, Band 9, 10; Newspaper 10; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12



MIKE WALLACE, Track 9; Cross Country 9; WENDY WARMINSKI, Choir 9, 11, 12; STEVE WARREN, Football 9, 10; Basketball 9; Baseball 9, 10, 11; Band 9; National Honor Society 12

The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both,
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black,
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

—Robert Frost

Yama—The Universal Word.

What is the true meaning behind this word. Only a select few know. To some the meaning is fantastic, to others it means spirit. But, there are many hidden meanings behind this word that some will never know.

This word symbolizes the class of '81. Throughout the school year it was heard in the halls, in the classrooms, during pep sessions, and even at graduation. Although, the seniors will never again be together as one class, this word will always keep them together.

Even though this word is associated with the class of '81, it has been said that this word will carry on through the class of '82 and '83. This will hopefully become a tradition of Merrillville High School.

No one really knows its exact origin, but nevertheless, this word will be carried on for many years. But, who knows, maybe someday it will appear in Webster's New World Dictionary.

LISA WEBB; NANCY WEBSTER,
Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club
11; SCOTT WHITWORTH



SHERRYL WHITWORTH, Powder Puff
11, 12; National Honor Society 11;
CARL WIGGAND; GREG WILBURN,
Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10;
Track 9



CATHY WILK, French Club 10; Powder
Puff 11; JANIS WILSON, Thespians
10, 11, 12; French Club 11, 12;
TIM WING



ANGIE WINTER, Powder Puff 10, 11,
12; Yearbook 12; TIM WOLF, Football
9, 10, 11, 12; Mr. Football 12; Wrestling
9, 10, 11, 12; LISA WOOD, Band
9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 9; Powder
Puff 10, 11, 12; Golf 10, 11, 12; Sun-
shine Society 11, 12; Velveteens 12



TAMMIE YASELSKY, Cheerleading 9,
10, 11; Powder Puff 10; Prom Court;
DOUG YOUNG, Baseball 9; Football
9; BRYAN YOUNG, Baseball 9; Foot-
ball 10; Chess 9; Spanish Club 12



ROBERT YUGO; TOM YURCHAK;
MARK ZAJACK





PAULA ZANDERS, Choir 9; MARK ZELLERS; ANGIE ZERVOS, National Honor Society 11, 12; JOHN ZOLCAK, Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; MONICA AR-RENDONDO



MIKE RODD

MERRILLVILLE NAMES TOP TEN PERCENT



Larry Adams



Mark Amaya



Teresa Badar



Julie Ban



Doug Best



Lisa Blair



Kathryn Bresich



Mark Bublitz



Melissa Burelli



Earl Capuli



Rene Charbonneau



Kathy Christopher



Sean Clapp



Cindy Cone



Joyce Corey



Michael Daniel



John Dimos



Felicia Dixon



Patty Dudak



Melissa Dzywacky



Laura Eich



Margie Fabrici



Dave Heiser



Barbra Helwig



Tom Higgins



Nancy Holderman



Kathleen Huber



Andrea Hudock



Dirk Hutchinson



Dave Janizek



Linda Johnston



Euginia Juloski

TOP TEN PERCENT (Con't.)



Mary Kino



Greg Kouvelas



Lazo Krstevski



Maria Kyres



Christine Laios



Lisa Lewan



Mark Lipton



Karen Mackanos



Mike Malenock



Biliana Manivilovski



Valerie Oliver



Theodora Poponas



David Robinson



Doug Robinson



May Sarantis



Rosemarie Shooter



Tim Short



Paul Smith



Don Snemis



Diane Sovljanski



Andy Speer



Wendy Sum



Elizabeth Tisma



Cathy Tkach



Kimberly Vickroy



Steven Warren



Angie Zervos



Senior Elections

The senior class of Merrillville High School has certain traditions that are carried on each year, and this year was no exception. Towards the end of the school year, the senior election results are published in the senior edition of the school newspaper for all to see.

These chosen students were selected among the whole senior class and all were appropriately picked.

Chosen seniors Dave Janizek and Mary Kino were among the others selected for

awards. Most Likely To Succeed is an honorable award to receive and Dave and Mary deserve it.

Being voted Most Popular would be every student's desire. Andy Manis and Nancy Burkhart have now experienced this feeling.

Again, Dave Janizek and Mary Kino have been intelligently rewarded for such high scholastic ability. Dave was one of the class of 81's valedictorians and Mary has received many academic awards. They were not surpris-

ingly voted Most Intelligent.

It takes a lot of time and energy to be involved in school activities. Tom Higgins, the senior class president, and Karen Chandler, president of Student Council, were voted Most Actively Involved.

Being Spirited is being rowdy, and Jerry Mendoza and Sharon Bianchi showed Merrillville High School what spirit is all about.

You don't have to see Sherri Minton and John O'Connor to know that they're around. Those two voices are heard

throughout the halls of MHS. They have been voted the Most Talkative.

Larry Adams and Daphne Duck were voted Most Friendly for a good reason. They'll always be successful in life because of that trait.

Never mad and always smiling, these two appeal to many people. Joe Jensen, and Sharon Bianchi have won the Best Personality award.

Right in fashion, Doug Young and Sue Rachford's clothing are very stylish. In honoring their good taste in



DAHPNE DUCK AND LARRY ADAMS



KAREN CHANDLER AND TOM HIGGINS



SHARON BIANCHI AND JOE JENSEN



DAVE JANIZEK AND MARY KINO



DOUG YOUNG



ANDY MANIS AND NANCY BURKHARDT



SHERRIE MINTON AND JOHN O'CONNER



SHARON BIANCHI AND JERRY MENDOZA

Elections (Con't)

dressings, they have been named the Best Dressed.

Big, blue, sparkling eyes are what Tim Patz and Amy Englebright possess. For having such eyes, they have been awarded with the Nicest Eyes.

For the Best Figures at Merrillville (and we don't mean numbers) Kathy Szmagai and Bruce Jones have what it takes to win the Best Body award.

It's a lot of strenuous, hard work to achieve being the

Best Athletes at Merrillville High School. Bruce Jones and Sherrie Matthews had no problem showing why they were elected under this title.

The two people chosen for the Best Sense of Humor were Greg Wilburn and Karen Chandler. They made the halls of Merrillville echo with laughter.

Acting their way to the top, Ric Schuster and Tracy Otterbacher have graced the stage of MHS with various performances. They have been vot-

ed this year's Best Actor and Actress.

There was a tie this year for Class Clown between John O'Connor and Greg Wilburn. Karen Chandler was voted female Class Clown. These seniors really fit the title for which they were elected.

As any senior knows, part of the fun of senior year is stealing the ducks that Mrs. Guerrero, and Mrs. Lynch have. Patty Dudak has been awarded with the title of best "duck

napper." Dave Richards was awarded this title for "napping" another duck.

And last but not least, Greg Mackey and Sabrina Rodriguez for (you guessed it) being the Most Perverted seniors at Merrillville High School.



DAVE RICHARDS



TIM PATZ AND AMY ENGLEBRIGHT



JOHN O'CONNER, GREG WILBURN AND KAREN CHANDLER



TRACY OTTERBACHER AND RICK SCHUSTER



BRUCE JONES AND KATHY SZMAGI



GREG MACKEY AND SABRINA RODRIGUEZ

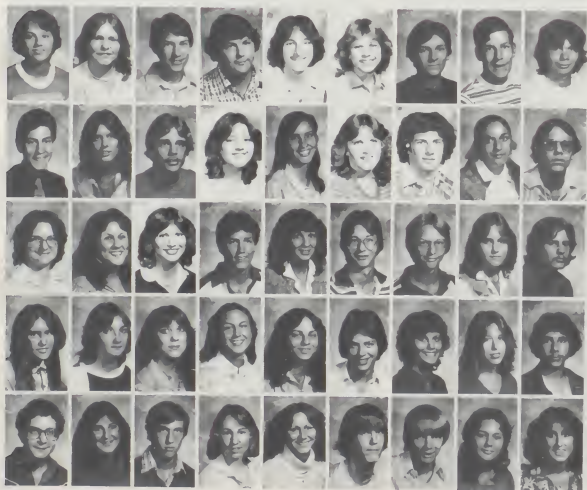


DAVE JANIZEK AND MARY KINO

JUNIORS LOOK AHEAD TO A NEW YEAR.

The juniors see their first day of school as something less than exciting. They are, for the most part, accepted by the seniors and feel that it is their turn to push around the sophomores. Most juniors soon realize that high school gets harder with each passing year. The new friends that are made help the year to go by fast. By the end of the year, most juniors are really looking forward to their senior year. As junior Denise Regeski claims, "The classes were harder than last year, but I liked all my teachers. I've also met more people this year than any other year." Extra

curricular activities also made the year seem to go by quickly. Many juniors are looking forward to their last year of high school. According to Randy Ban, "I feel the addition of a driver's license made life easier. Basketball was also a lot of fun. I'm looking forward to my senior year." Another junior, who wishes to remain anonymous for obvious reasons, sums up his junior year this way, "I feel that the junior year has been a proper tribute to my well being." Junior class officers are pictured from left: Liz Blaney, Linda Lesniak, Sandy Simic, and Jerry Pearman.

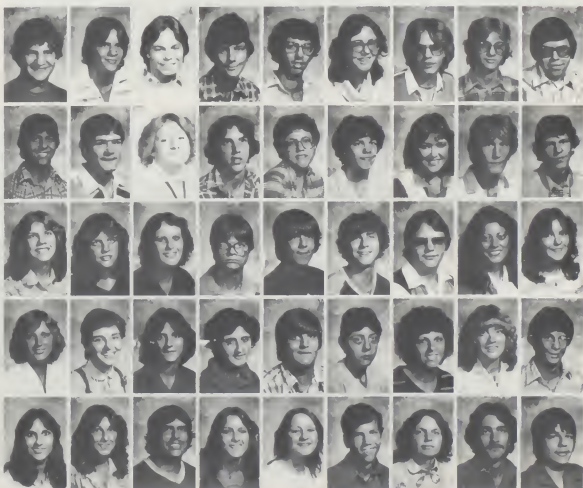


Peggy Abel
Diane Adams
Ron Adams
Tracy Ahlborn
John Akers
Melinda Albach
Walter Aleksic
Ray Altman
Keith Altup
John Amatulli
Diane Anderson
Mike Anderson
Sandy Antolic
Kristen Arredondo
Cheryl Artz
Mike Artz
Mary Babilla
Jeff Balas
Bonnie Baldwin
Selena Ballard
Sue Balluch
Randy Ban
Belinda Barkasi
Dan Barnes
Dave Barnes
Deanna Barnett
John Barron
Kathy Barrett
Kelly Bartley
Cheryl Bartman
Jennifer Bartolomei
Lora Basile
Paul Basile
Gail Bateman
Mary Belei
Jim Bance
Paul Bares
Andrea Berndt
Mike Bianco
Jeanne Bickel
Tracy Bialak
Dave Biliens
Brad Bishop
Mary Blackburn
Liz Blaney



Cory Blankenship
 Tina Boatner
 Tina Bogordos
 Michelle Bonich
 Kim Book
 Dianna Boyer
 Paula Braun
 Roger Briggs
 Linda Brizendine
 Tim Bronowski
 Curtis Brown
 Chris Brownell
 Jim Brucks
 Sue Brugs
 Jill Buckley
 Ty Burge
 Gregg Burke
 Russ Burke
 Bob Cacovski
 Liz Campbell
 Alphonso Canchoia
 Xavier Canchoia
 Sheila Cappa
 Karen Capusan
 Nick Cardaras
 Dave Carlson
 Ron Carter
 Greg Catchur
 Simo Ceko
 Ed Celorio
 Mary Champ
 Rich Charochak
 Mary Chentnick
 Sue Chew
 Kent Chismudy
 Liz Christoff

John Christos
 James Ciesielski
 Walter Cimbalevich
 John Coady
 Paul Collaros
 Elaine Collins
 Claude Conley
 Todd Conrad
 Walter Coria
 Rob Covaciu
 Bentley Craig
 Rosemary Craig
 Mike Croarkin
 Pam Crowder
 Alan Crozier
 Kim Crumpton
 Ray Cucuz
 Brian Curcuro
 Sharon Daniel
 Dawn Darkins
 Connie Darnell
 Marty Dawson
 Scott DeCheske
 Jeff DeFoor
 Dave Defard
 Theresa Demo
 Sheila De St. Jean
 Christine DeWell
 Janis Deyot
 Danielle Dickson
 Diane Dimitri
 Chris Dimos
 Dragic Djinicovic
 Maria Djurich
 Doreen Donley
 George Doolin
 Debbie Dorulla
 Denise Dudak
 Mark Dujmovich
 Robert Dujlian
 Kathy Dumlar
 Kim Dunkelberger
 Kathy Durkin
 John Duron
 John Dustman





Richard Dutcher
Dave Dutton
Chris Duvall
John Dyman
Kim Evans
Lewie Eckman
Lisa Ector
Bonnie Elee
Todd Enasick

Melinda Eubank
Dan Evans
Mike Evans
Martha Evsoklou
Della Eriela
Mary Beth Fedorchak
Leanne Feduccia
Carol Reikul
Linda Felkevich

Jennifer Findley
Julieann Flannery
Dawn Flauding
Kim Foor
Trecy Forsythe
Diane Fox
Lissette Franco
Rich Frank
Jim Fratzke

Jim Freeman
Paul French
Shawn Fray
Sandy Fugatt
Theodora Gajlana
Diane Gallagher
Lisa Gallegos
Anthony Galois
Phillip Galois

Chuck Gans
Scott Gannard
Mary Gewryak
Robert Geary
Tammy Gernhart
Helen Georgantas
Chris Gerodemas
John Gertz
Jeff Gifford

Roger Gill
John Giordano
Mike Glatt
Joe Glibota
Robbie Goad
Dale Gough
Jan Gough
Christopher Govett
Nancy Grebek

Jim Graham
Sue Grant
Mary Griffin
Dave Gruber
Delores Guardiola
Lori Gust
Randall Guthrie
Richard Guthrie
Bonnie Gutjahr

Jeff Havrych
Julie Hecker
Tammy Hampton
Mont Handley
Lisa Hanako
Kevin Hanaal
Brian Harding
Karen Harker
Glenn Harma

Gene Harrison
Janet Hertwig
Janet Harvey
Cassandra Hatheway
Diane Hayes
Sharon Haffy
Mike Hedorn
Joe Hain
Roger Helwig

Jay Henderson
James Hendrickson
Daniel Henrich
Robert Henry
Keith Hernandez
Kathryn Havesi
Sherry Highlan
Cynthia Hill
Tracy Hinkal



Scott Hipp
Steve Hipp
James Horch
Kristin Hodge
Sandy Hoskatre
Stephen Hovavac
Katherine Honopoulos
Richard Hughes
Robert Hunt

Nancy Hurst
David Hutchason
Jayenne Huyke
Karen Hyndman
Amber Iles
Lisa Ingreham
Tina Irone
Clay Ison
Joy Iwen

Charlotte Jackson
Gerald Jackson
Joanne Jaeger
Monica Jaeger
Deanne Jendure
Mike Jonovick
Patrick Jerrill
Sue Jean
Theresa Jennings

Loriene Jewell
Jody Jillean
Charles Johnson
Jack Johnson
Joe Johnson
Leura Johnson
Linda Johnson
Lori Johnson
Bernice Jones

Linde Jones
Traci Jones
Lawrence Judge
John Bradley Juresevic
Barbara Kacmar
Pamela Kaser
Tracy Kenfield
Kenneth Keeler
Jodi Keen

Janice Keilmen
Joanne Keilmen
Mike Kemp
Richard Kendere
Ronald Keneon
Mark Kephure
Deane Kerne
Gregory Kierulle
Connie Kierzkowski



Junior Beth Winovich makes a run for it.



The Blues Brothers, Ty Burge and Mike Nochevich, brought their friend, John Kostidis, who failed to wear a costume.



OOOH, that tickles!!!

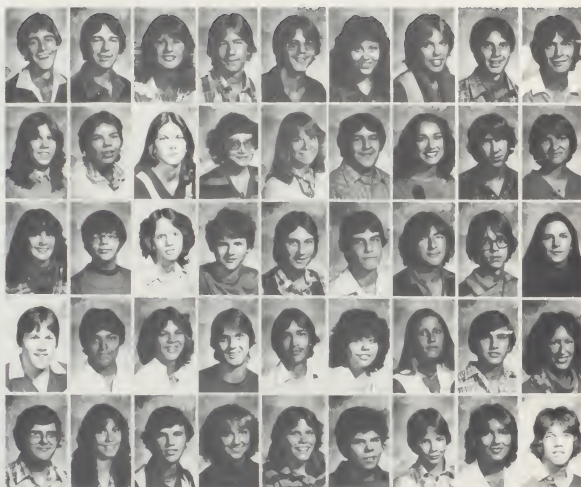
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Denise Kordya
Suzanne Kom
Diane Korwek
Michelle Kostelnik
John Kosides
Stens Kovac
Jellery Kraft
Monica Kraft

Karen Krempien
Paul Krausnick
Julie Krack
Donald Krueger
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Douglas LaMore
Karl Lengbahn
Deborah Leughard
Garelyn Leviolette
Jeff Las
Phruay Lezaran

Dave LeCompte
Cynthia Leiker
Jim Leposky
Linda Lesniew
Carol Lipke
Jeff Lipko
Ronald Litch
Alexis Lode
Deryl Longfellow



Angelo Lopez
Natalie Louie
Dianne Lovely
Joseph Luckiewicz
Douglas Luebcke
Chris Lune
Kevin Lundy
Tern Lynch
Sherry Macchia

Lawrence Megnot
James Major
Teresa Melich
Denel Meluge
Den Mamula
Gerry Mana
Diane Manovic
Robert Marich
Shelly Markie

Mike Mermolejo
Louie Merosevich
Dora Martinez
Peter Martinez
Dahn Maryonovich
Shawn Maslow
Bryant Matthews
Cynthia Mayer
Brett McAlpin

Darren McCloud
Barbara McConnell
John McDonald
Kevin McDonald
Lisa McNally
Bill Meade
Brode Meachie
Deanna Medanch
Scott Meloc

Lore Mellinger
Nancy Merced
Kris Merrifield
Thomas Meschede
Leslie Metten
Anette Miller
Dale Miller
Daniel Miller
Scott Miller





Tom Miller
Tracey Miller
Barbara Mille
Beth Miller
David Mitchell
Sandra Moehl
Nancy Moldan
Dana Mollick
Dabara Moore

Dan Moritz
Edward Morrison
Mery Moroz
Lisa Mosteller
Linda Mourad
Selwa Mourad
Harvey Murawski
Barbara Musseiman
Tom Nastorvski

Kim Natale
Michale Navarro
Scott Ney
Davore Neal
Lynn Neis
Dawn Newlin
Richard Nims
Carol Nippard
Mike Nochevich

Debbie Nodd
Mika Norman
John Norrall
Malinda Nowak
Rhonda Nowland
Dawn Odean
Michelle Ogiesio
Mark Olesh
Debbie Oliver

Elizabeth Oliver
Lawrence Oliver
Nolan O'Rear
Georganna Orlich
Charyl Pall
Camalia Palm
Anthony Pampalone
Harrat Panas
Therese Pankiewicz

Robert Parkhurst
Daryl Parks
Penny Parsons
Jannifer Patton
Dave Patz
Gerald Peasman
Jarvis Paddicord
Menan Pelley
David Pemberton

Uta Pemberton
Alyssa Pena
Cynthia Perez
Richard Perry
Michelle Peters
Kenneth Petrol
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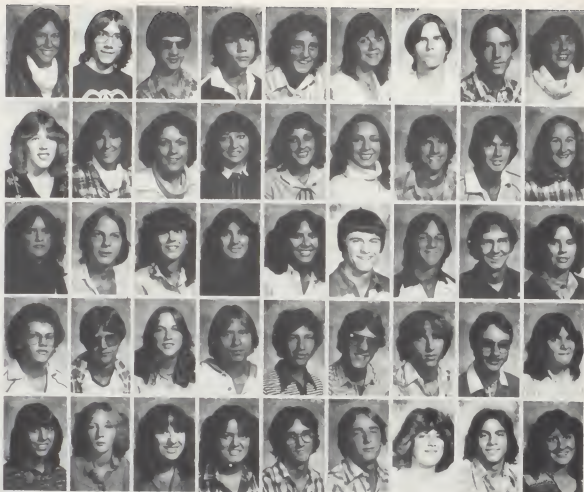
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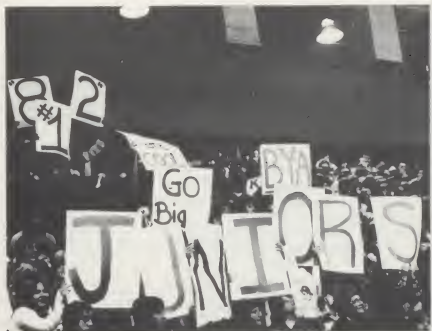
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SOPHOMORES DISCOVER A NEW ROUTINE

When the first day of school finally arrived, a look of panic set in on the faces of the sophomores. The first few days of school were filled with late arrivals to class and chaotic halls. After a few weeks of school went by, most sophomores fell into the routine of high school life. The meeting of new friends, driving to school, and the ordering of class rings were all a part of

being a sophomore. The exposure to "Merrillville's First Pep Rally," which was brought about by the class of '81, was an experience that not many will forget. The Sophomore class officers are pictured from left: President Louie Klimaszewski; Treasurer Carla Marson; Secretary Polly Cimbaljevich; Vice President Greg Ordway.



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Cecilia Acosta
Dragon Adamovich
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Timothy Adler
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Judianne Amaya
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Theresa Andrews
Joseph Arena
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John Balas
Diane Barbauld
Joseph Bardsen
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Scott Beaman
Bob Beck
Kathleen Beckham
Allan Beeler
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Scott Bellamy
Joseph Bellovary
William Benjamin
Debbie Bennett
Ruth Betz
Danielle Beverly
Beth Bianco
Anthony Bielak
Dave Bigelow
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Lynne Billens
Ted Bilski
Ken Binns
Denise Birchall
Patricia Blackburn
Colleen Blair
Winifred Blankship
Angela Blinn
Brenda Boyd
Eric Brandt
Nick Bravos
Edward Brizendine
Jeff Brown
Sharon Brown
Ellen Brownwell
Sue Brugos
Robert Budner



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 Dave Bulger
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 Steve Bunnell
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 Annette Ciochina
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 Stacy Costidakis
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 Lisa Cox
 Rhonda Craig
 Mike Crist
 Steve Croakin
 Debra Crozier
 Greg Csonka
 Chris Davis
 Marty Dawson
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Joe Demo
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 Jamie Desatnick
 Jamie De St. Jean
 Patricia Dewar
 Kathryn Dian
 Tim Dietrich
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 Tom Dobrowski
 Patricia Dolich
 Richard Domonkos
 John Doolin
 Eric Dornburg
 Mary Ellen Doty
 Donna Drca
 Daniel Duran
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 Mike DuVall
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 Marty Dzik
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 Debbie Edwards
 Scott Edwards
 Marsha Eich
 Scott Elliott
 Don Engel
 Carol Ensallaco



Jill Enzweiler
Troy Escott
Michelle Subenk
Amie Evans
Constance Evans
Paul Fabian
Adam Fabrici
John Faduccia
Dava Fahiberg

Diana Faskowaki
Denalle Fila
Daira Fisk
Thaddeus Filuska
Terrance Flynn
Susan Foremaki
Bachy Forsythe
Gary Fossay
Vicky Franko

Gayla Frantal
Rene Fanz
Pat Frey
Don Froman
Sue Fryer
Steve Gallagor
Jannine Gallowic
Pauline Gard
Dave Gerza

Valma Gerza
Laurali Gewich
Gary Gatlin
Leana Gavaski
Carole Gas
Robert Gea
Lisa Gaze
Tom Gaze
Jo Ann George

Peter Georgeon
Catharine Geake
Jon Giacomin
Dennis Gilbert
Margaret Gilt
Danna Gladis
Garrett Glatt
Mavis Glouc
Margaret Gloricao

Jennifer Gollighy
Cory Golkowski
Sonia Gonzales
Donna Goodaon
Sandra Grant
Tuesday Grant
Ron Gray
Nelsa Grar
Glanda Grass

Sophomore year . . . the first year of high school. Not quite young enough to go to one of the junior highs, but not old enough to have all of the pressures of the seniors. Though many of the sophomores claimed that this was their hardest year so far, many also felt that it was their most fun. According to sophomore Debbie Parks, "It's been my favorite year so far. I like all of the clubs they have here. There weren't this many at the junior high. I've also enjoyed meeting many of the people here."

Judy Johnson, Debbie Lemke, Michelle Dzyack, and Paula Vessely go in for a line-up.



Mike Griffin
Anne Marie Guba
Eugene Guernsey
Javier Guerrero
Jerry Gutjahr
Lena Haleva
Deanna Hall
Rick Haller
Cernie Hamilton

Lisa Hamilton
Gary Hamilton
Cindy Hampton
Larry Harker
Ralph Herma
Kimberly Harper
Rayburn Harper
Teresa Havens
Lazlo Hentlandy

Cathryn Hicks
Sam Jay Higgins
Tracy Higgins
Greg Hirak
Dave Hizer
Ron Holbrook
Craig Holiday
Lisa Holloway
Renae Hopper

Rob Horan
Dennis Horn
Monica Houchin
Mark Howe
Keren Huber
Don Hudock
Dale Hughes
Kathleen Huycke
Scott James

Tom Jamrok
Mike Janickovic
Lisa Janikowski
Troy Jensen
Cari Jarosak
Dave Jarosak
Tammy Jatsenk
Lori Jersky
John Jensen

Conrad Jimenaz
Judith Johnson
Daniel Johnson
James G. Johnson
Jeffrey Johnson
Mark Johnson
Merry Johnson
Dolores Jones
Don Jones



Troy Jones
Mire Jovenovich
Mike Judge
Chris Kekoua
Jeffrey Kallas
Carol Kapitan
Mark Karakozza
Irene Karaletharas
JoAnne Keramecoski

LeeAnne Kerrie
Steven Kischak
Harry Kevadas
Brad Keller
Dawn Kendrick
Dan Kendt
Mark Kazy
Fascia Kimmel
Linda King

John Kleet
Eugene Louis Kimaazewski
Kim Kneuss
Dawn Knight
Ed Koops
Bill Koen
Tina Koeng
Joe Koeske
Joe Komechak

Kathleen Komarsick
Kanel Kona
Debbie Koortz
Bill Koutantice
Merrianna Kotao
Chris Kouakoula
Kathy Kovachia
Adam Kovecevic
Kim Kovec



Mike Kraft
Greg Kreia
Susan Krampen
Mary Krol
Stephen Krutz
Joy Kubacki
Denny Kulego
Omar Kustric
Debbie Kutenovski

Bill Kyias
Laura LaMarca
Scott Lamb
Scott Lane
Tracy Lane
Francisco Lara
Linda Laudon
Joy Layman
Kris Lesser

Karen Leathers
Mervon Lee
Rudy LeKar
Debbie Lenke
Bob Lennon
Garold Leonard
Penelope Leontaras
Kelly Lepp
Karen Lesniak

Doug Lewash
Linda Lewandowski
Kelly Lewin
Larra Lewin
Robert Libician
Greg Ling
Dawn Lisek
Sue Long
Erwin Lopez

Frank Lucas
Leslie Lucas
Dawn Lubbock
Philip Lund
Kim Luytgeerden
Mark Machin
Lisa Mack
Denny Madera
Mike Magiera

Christine Malich
Tom Molomey
Niki Maniglia
Sandy Manie
Scottie Mann
Scott Manodski
Antonette Marando
Mike Marino
Bruce Marlie



Aw, come on. You don't really want a picture of me, do you?



Mary Stanton and Beth Bianco smile for one of our photographers after being caught cheating on a test.

Carla Marson
Kirk Martin
Karen Mathis
Dawn Mattingly
Randy Mayarak
Dave McCumber
Roy McCumber
Deanna McKay
Mike Maede

Lori Maschia
George Melnick
Jackie Manacher
Sandra Mercad
Sherri Merrifield
Tim Mesarch
Dennis Metcalf
Annette Metlov
Sandra Metroa

Patricia Metten
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Jerry Mezmarick
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Sherri Mokrak
Darrell Mollick

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Leanna Morzulla
Brad Moore
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Mary Moris
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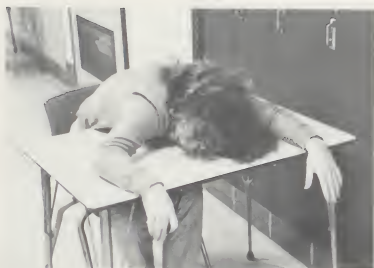


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Kara Smith
Mark Smith



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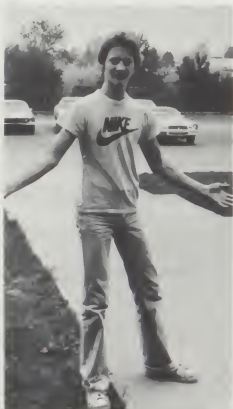
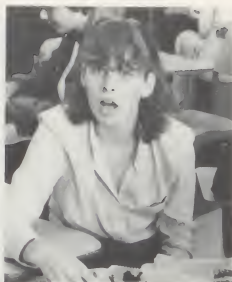
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Another Smooth Year Thanks to the School Board and Administration

The Merrillville High School Administration and School Board are the key factors in making things run smoothly at Merrillville High School. The School Board meets on a weekly basis and tries to solve the problems that have occurred. Many new ideas are being used to improve the school programs that were thought of by the Administration and School Board.

As another year goes by, the principals at MHS have kept the high standards of excellence with which the student body, faculty, and community became familiar.



SCHOOL BOARD Phyllis Tully, Member; Babe Woodward, President; Eugene Carrabine, Vice President; John Ban, Member; Bryant Mathews, Secretary;



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Assistant Superintendent



Timothy Hyland
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Athletic Director



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Paul Schuyler
Principal



Jerome Sector
Assistant Principal



Mr. Stone poses for a picture during his busy day.



Dr. Sector reads the daily announcements.

Faculty helps further students' education

ABRAHAM, DAVID, B.S. (BSU), Ind. Arts, 3 yrs. **AMBROZIAK, BEVERLY, B.S. (St. Joseph's),** Bus., 7 yrs. **ARMONTROUT, WILLIAM, B.S., M.S. (ISU),** Phys. Ed., 20 yrs. **ARMSTRONG, PATRICIA, B.S., M.S. (PUC),** Eng., 8 yrs. **BANAS, DAVID, B.S. (ISU),** Sci., 6 yrs.



BASHORE, DENISE, B.S., M.S. (BSU), Spec. Ed., 3 yrs. **BERTRAM, MARY ANN, B.S., M.S. (ISU),** Lang., 11 yrs. **BOTHWELL, ROBBIE, B.S., M.S. (ISU),** Bus., 29 yrs. **BOTTOM, LEALON, B.S. (PU),** Ind. Arts, 3 yrs. **BOVARD, GRACE, B.S., M.B.A. (IU),** Bus., 32 yrs.



BRATCHER, JERRY, B.S. (BSU), Sci., 3 yrs. **BROCK, LEE ANN, B.S., M.S. (IU),** Art, 3 yrs. **BROWN, ROBERT, B.S., M.A. (IU),** Math, 11 yrs. **BURCHFIELD, MARGARET, B.S. (IU),** Eng., 4 yrs. **BURRUS, LEONA, B.A., M.A. (IU),** Librarian, 22 yrs.



CALLENDER, PATRICIA, B.A., M.S. (IU), Lang., 13 yrs. **CAMERON, THOMAS, B.S., M.S. (IU),** Phys. Ed., 8 yrs. **CARROLL, CHARLES, B.A., M.S. (PU),** Spec. Ed., 9 yrs. **CASTLEN, JO ANN, B.S., M.S. (IU),** Bus., 2 yrs. **CHONCOFF, CHRIS, B.A., M.S. (West. Mich.),** Soc. St., 17 yrs.



CHRISTOFF, LINDA, M.A. (VU), Eng., 3 yrs. **CRULL, JAN, B.A. (Dalhousie U),** M.A. (PU), Eng., 2 yrs. **CZARNECKI, JANE, B.S. (IU),** Home Ec., 3 yrs. **DAILEY, JAMES, B.S., M.S. (IU),** Ind. Arts, 10 yrs. **DAVIS, LINDA, B.A., M.S. (PU),** Guidance, 3 yrs.



DILLMAN, CAROLE, B.S., M.S., (IU), Art, 9 yrs. **DUNSCOMB, MILES, B.S., M.S. (PU),** Sci., 15 yrs. **EAST JAMES, B.S., M.A. (BSU),** Soc. St., 1 yr. **EBLER, RICHARD, B.S., M.S. (IU),** Eng., 14 yrs. **EDGCOMB, JAMES, B.A., M.S. (IU),** Soc. St., 2 yrs.





ELSER, DEBRA, B.S. (PU), Art, 4 yrs.
FACKLER, CLIFFORD, B.S., M.S.
(IU), Math, 9 yrs. FEENEY, TOM, B.S.,
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LINDA, B.A., M.A., (VU), Eng., 8 yrs.
FURNESS, DREW, B.S., M.S. (IU),
Guidance, 3 yrs.



GALANIS, MARY ANN, B.S., M.S. (IU),
Soc. St., 12 yrs. GARNER, RICK, B.S.
(PU), Ind. Arts, 4 yrs. GERICH, CLIF-
FORD, B.S. (IOWA ST.), Phys. Ed., 2
yrs. GLAND, TERRY, B.S., M.S. (IU),
Bus., 12 yrs. GUERRERO, DONNA,
B.A., M.A. (TEXAS ST.), Eng., 16 yrs.



HAMER, SUE, B.S. (N.Y. ST.), M.M.
(IU), Band, 2 yrs. HAMILTON, RAY-
MOND, B.A., M.A. (WEST MICH.), Lan-
guage, 6 yrs. HANKINS, ROGER, B.S.
(PU), Soc. St. 2 yrs. HILL, RICHARD,
B.A. (U. of MICH.), Math, 12 yrs.
HUGHES, JANICE, B.S. (WEST VA.
INST. OF TECH), Bus., 2 yrs.



HUTCHISON, MAX, M.S. (IU), Math,
22 yrs. JEFFRIES, MARY, M.A. (IU),
Language, 20 yrs. JOHNSON, ALLYN,
B.A., M.S. (CA. ST.), Soc. St., 5 yrs.
KAHN, LINDA, Bus. Ed., (MANCHE-
STER COLLEGE) Bus., 1 yr. KASARDA,
JERROLD, A.B., M.S. (PU), Eng., 15
yrs.



KOBY, BARBARA, B.A., M.S. (IU),
Eng., 12 yrs. LEAS, GLADYS, B.S.,
M.A. (BSU), Bus., 22 yrs. LE DUC,
JUDY, B.S. (BSU), Bus., 4 yrs. LEWIS,
ELEANOR, B.S., M.S., Ed. D. (IU), Art,
16 yrs. LEWIS, SHERMAN, B.S., M.A.
(IU), Guidance, 11 yrs.



LYNCH, AGNES, B.A., M.A. (VU),
Eng., 22 yrs. MANDON, DIANE, B.S.,
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SHIRLEY, B.S., M.S. (IU), Guidance,
10 yrs. MEGGENHOFEN, PATRICIA,
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Phys. Ed., 21 yrs.

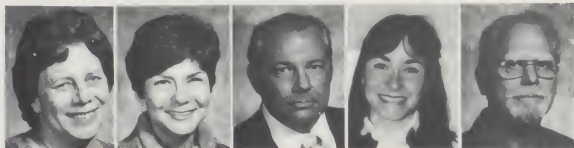
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NASH, CHERYL, B.S. (St. Mary's of New Orleans), M.S., (VU), Eng., 2 yrs. **NEULIEP, JACK, B.S. (IU),** Science, 2 yrs. **NOVAK, GEORGE, B.S., M.A. (VU),** Ind. Arts, 17 yrs. **PAVEL, CHRIS, B.S., M.S. (ISU),** Engl 10 yrs. **PAVELL, JOSEPH, Ind. Arts, 2 yrs.**



POXON, DOLORES, R.N. (St. Mary's Mercy), Nurse, 5 yrs. **PUTZ, BERNADINE, B.S., M.A. (IU),** Bus., 3 yrs. **REINHART, JERARD, B.M.E. (IU),** Music, 26 yrs. **SANDERS, BONNIE, B.S. (IU), M.S. (BUTLER),** Eng. 2 yrs. **SEMOKAITIS, STANLEY, B.S., M.S. (IU)** Ind. Arts, 35 yrs.



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Yesterday

Today

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Together
we are something.
Charles Dickens










There are all those
early memories; one
cannot get
another set; one
has only those.

Willa Sibert Cather





All these days,
once our future,
have all passed.

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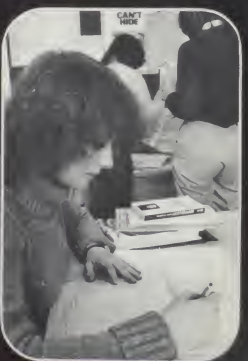
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the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased by 50% (Mental Health Foundation 1999). The prevalence of mental health problems has increased in the general population, and the incidence of mental health problems has increased in the prison population.

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the mental health needs of prisoners. The Department of Health (2000) has published a strategy for mental health services, which includes a commitment to improve the mental health of prisoners. The Department of Health (2000) has also published a strategy for mental health services, which includes a commitment to improve the mental health of prisoners.

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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office of National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people in the community. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out a vision for the future of older people's services. The strategy is based on the following principles: older people should be able to live independently in their own homes; older people should be able to access the services they need; and older people should be able to participate in the decisions that affect their lives.

The strategy also sets out a number of key objectives for the future of older people's services. These include: to improve the quality of life of older people; to reduce the number of older people who are in care homes; to increase the number of older people who are employed; and to increase the number of older people who are active in their communities. The strategy also sets out a number of key actions that need to be taken to achieve these objectives.

One of the key actions that need to be taken is to improve the quality of life of older people. This can be done by ensuring that older people have access to the services they need, such as housing, health care, and social services. It can also be done by ensuring that older people are able to participate in the decisions that affect their lives.

Another key action that needs to be taken is to reduce the number of older people who are in care homes. This can be done by ensuring that older people are able to live independently in their own homes. It can also be done by ensuring that older people are able to access the services they need, such as housing, health care, and social services.

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